WE PRINT NEWS.

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THE LOWELL SUN

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COMPARE THEM

Take any paper in the city, printed at the same time and compare it with THE SUN and note the difference. In local and general news THE SUN is often 3 hours or a day ahead.

FIRST EDITION

For later telegraphic and local news see Second Edition.

TOMMY HILL'S CATCH.

He Spurts 100 Yards and Arrests an Overcoat Thief.

Thomas Hill, the genial proprietor of the Waverly house, rendered the police a good turn and at the same time fixed himself all right for the winter last night. Patrick Flanagan, a rather disreputable individual, entered the house and asked for a cold bottle and he got a cold frost and an invitation to get out. He got out but returned when Tommy's back was turned and grabbing the latter's new winter overcoat, and no Collinsville one at that, started out with Tommy after him. Now Tommy has been training with Dick Lynch and a few more of the sprinters and in a few minutes he had Mr. Flanagan by the neck. When Flanagan was brought to the police station it was found that he was the man whom the inspectors had been looking for as he went into Charlie Kimball's store yesterday afternoon and appropriated another overcoat, evidently thinking that as Charlie was an overseer of the poor the city might settle for all overcoats taken by the poor.

BOTH LEGS BROKEN.

John Proulx Fell at St. Peter's Church This Morning.

There was a very bad accident at the new St. Peter's church this morning.

John Proulx is one of the workmen employed on interior work in the church, and this morning he fell from the staging to the floor below, a distance of about 30 feet.

Both of his legs were broken near the ankles. He was taken to St. John's hospital and it is not known yet whether or not the legs will have to be amputated. He resides at Riverside park.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

DUPUIS—The funeral of Frank Dupuis, who was killed by an explosion of dynamite in West Billerica, last Saturday, took place yesterday. Service was held at St. Jean Baptiste church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Joseph Paquette, M. Masse, John and George Miller. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Another Man Made Happy.

Mr. Alfred Thifoult, of 27 Daley street, Lowell, who had unsuccessfully doctored for a long time for tape worm, has at last been permanently relieved of his trouble. The Mexican Tape Worm remedy has done the work and removed the worm with head successfully. Mr. Thifoult says he has not felt so happy for years. Call at the office of the company, 32 Central street and get a few samples of Zyno, the great blood tonic. All aches and pains are cured free of charge.

The Sanborn Boys.

The Sanborn boys, who were suddenly attacked with insanity in Billerica last week, show no signs of immediate improvement and are still confined at the Worcester asylum.

The case of the younger brother, Edgar, is not so serious as that of Frank, and it is expected that he will be fully recovered in a few weeks.

Reform Club Officers.

The Reform club elected officers for six months last night as follows: president, John H. Hogan (reelected;) vice president, Edward Purcell; recording secretary, Albert E. Sutcliffe; financial secretary, P. J. Ryan; trustee for 18 months, Edward Cronin; janitor, John Kenney.

Rev. Fr. McKenna has been selected as the speaker for next Sunday night.

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CHARACTER AND AMBITION

Able Address by Joseph Smith Before the Mathews.

Some Practical Advice to Young Men for Bettering Their Condition—Ambition is the Impulse That Leads to Greatness—The Election of Officers.

Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board, gave a practical talk to the members of the Mathew Temperance Institute last night. Two hundred and fifty young men listened to him and were loud in their praise of the speaker and expressed their gratitude for his valuable advice contained in his paper, by extending to him a rising vote of thanks. Mr. Smith talked on "Character and Ambition," and treated his subject in a thorough manner. His style was sharp, catchy and altogether pleasing.

Seated on the platform with Mr. Smith were Rev. Fr. McManus, James O'Sullivan, E. F. Slattery and A. A. Conway.

President Burns called to order and introduced Mr. Slattery as presiding officer. The program was as follows: Piano solo, William McAloon; selections by the Weber quartet, consisting of Michael Gorman, Michael Nestor, John A. McKenna and John McAloon; vocal solos, Cornelius Hickey, Michael Gorman, Daniel S. O'Brien, John J. Murray, William Toomey and John Drury; recitations, John J. Gallagher, J. A. McKenna, Dennis Donohue.

The M. T. I. glee club sang "Snow Bell," and "Christmas Chimes."

There were remarks also by Rev. Fr. McManus, James O'Sullivan, A. A. Conway and John J. Lonergan.

The session closed with the singing of "America."

Mr. Smith's Address.

Mr. Smith's treatment of this theme was strong, pointed and practical. It was highly appreciated by the audience and the speaker was congratulated at the close. He said in substance:

Character, without ambition, is like an engine without steam, an electric wire without the living stream—a lifeless thing. Ambition has frequently been berated and condemned, yet such condemnation can be applied to the misuse of any of our powers. We use the gifts of God well or ill, and it is that usage that is good or bad, not the thing itself.

Ambition is the inner stimulus that impels humanity along the road to progress; it is the feeling in man's heart whose

Motto is Excelsior

It is the quality that has raised man from the cave dweller to the being of the 19th century, that has lifted him from the grass to the stars.

A worthy ambition is the lever that lifts all men up. Aspiration to be above the lot in life we are placed in is an honorable and glorious thing, and to say that a man should be content to live in the station in which circumstances have placed him, is to fly in the face of Providence and to try to annul his universal law.

Progress upward and onward, achievement added to achievement, this is the law of God and nature.

The man who, born in some position in life, is content to say, "Here God placed me and here must I remain," is disobeying God's law, which demands that he shall make the most of his talents and account for them.

The better a man makes himself the more useful he is to the community in which he lives, the better he does God's work. Had every man followed the fatalistic, ambitionless plan of accepting the fate he was born into and living dully along its lines from the cradle to the grave, we should still be savage men, dressed in the skins of wild beasts and seeking shelter from the elements in thicket and cave. Ambition is an honorable

Discontent With Fortune

and a determination to wring more and better things from life than we have. In some lands, the government, laws and religion are made to preserve rigidly existing customs and institutions, and by the perservation of a system of places, station and castes keep all the good things of life for a few and all the amenities of the world for the many.

Europe is only now breaking away from the thrall of the feudal system; we were emancipated on that day when the slopes of Bunker Hill were dyed with British blood. The world of hereabouts was thrown open to all, for the underlying principle of the republic is this: "Let the best man win." And the best man is he who is determined to use all his God-given faculties to the best advantage and who has the ambition to see a long space between where he starts in life and where he finishes.

Now, how does this apply to you?

Every young man here has advantages and disadvantages at the outset of life. I take it that you are all workingmen and the children of workingmen; but you start without many of the handicaps of your fathers. Many of them were without the educational advantages you possess, but they toiled and sweated with this splendid ambition, that their children should go into the battle of life better equipped than they. Their progress was not great, though their honest ambition was and in you they look to see the reward of their toils.

You have associated yourselves with this body for the purpose of leading temperate lives.

When a man confines himself to non-alcoholic beverages he does a wise thing, but he has neither acquired the wings of an angel nor done more than this—put his foot on the side of the mountain he intends to climb. He has secured for himself a clear head, a cool brain with which to think and plan. He has cut off a habit which is expensive to one receiving a day's pay; he has learned the

First Principles of Prudence

and economy and is enabled to create a campaign fund for the operations of his well directed ambition. Besides these advantages is the other one, the preference given all else being equal, to a sober man over a drinking one.

You work in shops, factories and yards and too often are content to be mere hewers of wood and drawers of water doing the work that is purely physical—that any human animal can do— without a chance to use a clear, cool head. Are you content to do this? Are you satisfied? Have you no ambition to be something more than this?

I am quite well aware of the fact that handicaps exist for such as you, that are a discredit only to those whose little souls use them. You can all learn why you don't advance and why some man of less ability and fitness is promoted over you. When you find these conditions leave the place. The land is wide and the opportunities are many. There is no law that makes you a chattel of a mill or shop. You should hide your time, look for an opening outside of these hideous, red brick factories, and get out of them. If you have a little money saved, put it with some other man's savings and embark upon

An Enterprise of Your Own.

You may fail; but your experience is not wasted. You have learned to stand alone; you have known what it is to possess your own soul and be your own master. You are win or fail—in a position to start anew on a higher level in the world than the mill; you have shown others that you have the courage and the ability to do business and the shrewd business man is wanting such.

To attain wealth that we may bring comfort and enlightenment to those we love, and that our capicity for good may be increased is an honorable and laudable ambition. To attain wealth for wealth's sake, to gain it at any hazard, to achieve it at the expense of your own honor and the plunder of your fellows, is base and unworthy. To bow before the possessor of wealth because of his wealth, is contemptible and unworthy of a free man.

Wealth ennobles a man only as he makes noble use of it and such only are entitled to respect and honor. The poor man possesses a free soul and as he keeps that soul white and his hands clean from dishonor, so does he stand the peer of any. When he

Sells Himself for Money

he is no longer worthy of any man's respect, and he must expect the contempt of honest men.

Do not be content to plod through life at the foot of the social system. Get out of the mill unless you get up in it. Church, state, law and commerce are fields to conquer for him who has the courage to march to the battle. Acknowledge no man your superior who has not proven it by deed or accomplishment. Let your aim be high and your effort persistent. In the world political do your duty and do it fearlessly, working for the best interests of this community. Keep away from small and disreputable politics; it is more contaminating than vice; if you are elected to any public office do your duty honestly and fearlessly; the men who abuse you will fear you, for the rogue hates an honest man more than he does a police officer. Above all things keep your hands clean, the bribe-taker is

Lower Than the Thief,

the dying robber on the cross was forgiven by the Crucified One; Judas and his thirty pieces of silver have earned immortal infamy.

Your fathers who landed here poor almost to misery, illiterate because the law denied them education, yet had brave hearts, clean minds, stout arms, the courage of a race of soldiers and the determination to win a home and a place for themselves and their children. Look back at the Irish of the forties and their children of today and tell me do you appreciate the sacrifices and sufferings of them and are you doing anything to compensate them for those hard days? It does not avail anything to meet together and tell what a fine people we are, to have some glib fellow stand up and sing our praises; work, not words, is what counts. Ask yourselves, each and everyone, how much higher am I than my father; what have I done with my advantages, equal to his accomplishment with all his handicaps? He had his faults and his failings because he was human; but all that was good in him and her was given to you, all their hopes were centered in you.

In all sober truth, only the few can rise to eminence, but every man can achieve

Honor and Independence.

It is not after all what we accomplish, but what we try to accomplish that makes the man. If you wish to hit the bull's eye, you must aim above it. An honorable name, a reputation for high character and noble purpose counts for more even in this world than money. Jay Gould lived rich and died dishonored, and is almost forgotten, or when remembered it is only to decry him.

Homer begged his bread in seven cities; Goldsmith was buried by his friends; Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy, Emmett murdered and beheaded as a rebel, yet these men are immortal while the princes and potentates of their day are lost, forgotten or mentioned merely as a period. Why is this so? It is because the divine element in man is eternal, the human perishable; because what a man makes of himself, is of vastly more importance than what he makes for himself: it is because character and honor are what make the man.

Gifts and attributes are unevenly distributed; some may be officers, others will march in the ranks; but the honor of all is equal. He who should lead should not be led; the man who can be useful in church and state should not be satisfied to be part of the insensate machinery turned by a turbine wheel. Shake off your lethargy in the coming year; you can be somebody if you will; the man who sits down and merely talks of work sees the sun go down on his idleness. Be up and doing. If you can't move on the express, go on the freight, or a wagon, or walk, but move.

The chances in Lowell are not as numerous as they are elsewhere—but neither are the competitors for the chances. If you swim in the waters here you can swim in deep seas. The same qualities count everywhere the same; it is merely the opportunity that is more imminent elsewhere and the scope that is wider.

But of all things, make your ambition honorable, high, worthy; do nothing that you have to blush for or that will make your old father and mother hang their heads. Don't be content to be a mere blade of grass in the field; rather be the oak in the forest. Aim high, work hard, scorn dishonesty, hate wrong and

Face Disaster and Discouragement

bravely and you will come out of the struggle with a commission. Your race has as much brains, good blood, grand traditions, noble achievements, as any in the world.

Try and live up to your ancestors and the world will and must respect you—and victory will come to you.

Officers Elected.

At the business meeting of the institute the following officers were elected:

President, John Burns; vice president, John J. Gallagher; spiritual director, Rev. Thomas McManus; secretary, John J. Pindar; financial secretary, Patrick F. Nestor; treasurer, Daniel Desmond; marshal, Peter Brady; trustees, John Lynch, William Welch; board of examiners, James Gorman, Thomas Tobin; literary committee, Michael Nestor, John Cryan, William J. Smith.

The third member of the literary committee and the board of trustees will be chosen at the next meeting.

President-elect Burns of the Mathews, ranks among the older members of the institute and is a most interested worker in behalf of the principles of the organization. His first administration has been

JOHN BURNS,

Re-Elected President of the Mathews.

one of the most successful periods in the history of the organization and he will enter upon his second term with prospects indicating even far better conditions and results. He is a young man in years but an old one in the cause.

He is overseer in the Lowell Manufacturing company and resides in Davidson street.

The Burkes Elect Officers.

The Burke Temperance Institute elected the following officers at a well attended meeting last night: President, Frank Clark; vice president, James Dacey; recording secretary, Richard J. Taylor;

T. FRANK CLARK.

Newly Elected President of the Burkes.

financial secretary, John Cox; treasurer, Frank O'Neil; trustees, Michael Markham, John Winn, Terrence Redmond; literary committee, John McMahon, Eugene Flynn, Edward Lowney; board of examiners, John Coughlin, Edward Healey, Peter Reagan. The election of building directors was postponed to the next meeting.

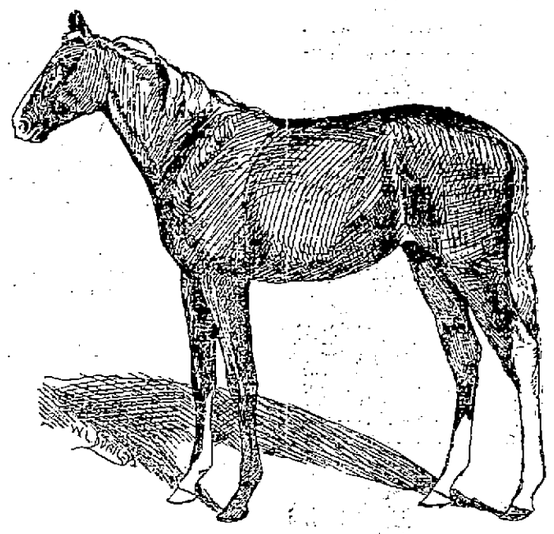
Next Sunday a debating club will be organized.

T. Frank Clark, the newly elected president, has been a member of the Burkes since their organization. More than that, he has held about every office in the society, which is a mark of the confidence the members have in him. He is a Lowell boy, a graduate of the old Moody school and is employed by E.D. Shattuck. He resides at 33 Davidson street.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Four drunks.

Mary Kane received four months in jail and Edward Allen four in the workhouse.



A ROYAL BABY.

The Sun artist had a very pleasant visit to the great Hood farm yesterday and was kindly shown about the horse department by Mr. Walker, who trains for the establishment. While there he made the accompanying sketch of a six-months-old "Royal Baby." She is a pretty chestnut filly, with light mane and tail and has very peculiar white markings, as the cut shows. She was harnessed yesterday for the first time and the speed she showed at the pacing gait was marvellous. This valuable filly will go fast some day if blood lines tell, for she is by Mr. Hood's great horse Vassar, 2.07, and her dam is the great Star Lilly, 2.20, who swept through the grand circuit a few years ago and won $15,000. Vassar is destined to be one of the foremost speed producers in the country.

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2 O'CLOCK

CRUEL GUERILLAS

Butcher Non-combatants in Western Cuba.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN WERE CRUELLY LASHED.

Twenty Women Wantonly Shot.

New York, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to The World from Key West says:

A recent massacre by General Melquizo's troops in western Cuba is described in a letter received here from an insurgent leader.

In a little hamlet 40 miles north of Pinar Del Rio dwelt about 75 people, most of them old and all non-combatants. They lived from hand to mouth, having a few cattle and some small cane fields and truck farms.

Spanish guerillas, commanded by Pierronti, visited the place a fortnight ago. All the people were assembled and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignites.

Not finding as much as they wanted, the guerillas shot two young men, pretending that they were Spanish deserters.

Six others were tied to trees and horribly whipped, being accused of sending information to the insurgents. Some of the older men were beaten and otherwise maltreated.

Two young women were tied to trees, their backs were bared and the lash was applied unmercifully because they resisted the soldiers' advances. Their screams so aroused the anger of the older women that they made a combined attack on the guerillas with clubs.

The guerillas easily beat them off, and then fired indiscriminately among them, killing 15 or 20 men and women and two young children. The others escaped, though the Spanish murderers fired at them as long as they were in sight.

The guerillas then fired the houses, throwing the dead bodies into the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and trampled their horses over the potato patches, so nothing in the way of food could be had.

The women who were whipped were left tied to the trees. Had not several of the fugitives returned after the guerillas had gone and liberated them they would have died of exhaustion.

These poor people, left without food or shelter, took up their abode in the foothills, building themselves huts of branches and grass. Some have died from exposure, and not more than 30 of the 75 now survive.

A Cuban planter was driven off his plantation north of Pinar Del Rio city two months ago. Since then he and his wife, two daughters and a young son have been living in the forest in a thatched hut in constant fear of Spanish marauding parties.

The letter told of other outrages, and stated that for miles and miles, where formerly were happy homes and flourishing fields, not a house nor a living being is to be seen.

Insanity Experts In Bram Case.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The two sessions of the Bram trial yesterday were entirely taken up in expert testimony on insanity, and the two physicians called by the government disagreed flatly with the two called by the defense over the condition of Brown. While the experts for the defense declared that they strongly suspected Brown of being afflicted with chronic delusionary insanity, the two government experts, physicians regarded fully as experienced, denied that Brown was suffering or could have been suffering with any mental disorder on the Fuller, although he might have been at Rotterdam. This testimony was brought out entirely by hypothetical questions. More expert testimony on seamanship will be introduced today.

Maine Line's New Steamer.

New York, Dec. 30.—The new steel steamer John Englis, which was launched from Roach's ship yard, Chester, Pa., on Oct. 22 last, is now at New York. The John Englis will take her place on the Main steamship line, and will sail from this port next week for Portland. She will be commanded by Captain Albert Briggs, who was for many years in command of the steamer Manhattan on the same line. It is the expectation of the managers of the line that the John Englis will reduce the running time between New York and Portland about 20 hours, which is about six hours less than the present running time.

Maine Pedagogues.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 30.—The 17th annual meeting of the Maine Padagogical society was opened in this city yesterday. The attendance was large, including prominent educators from all over the state. President I. C. Phillips of Lewiston is in charge. The program contained the following papers: "Music in the Schools," Judge W. C. Philibrock, Waterville; "Child Study in the United States," George C. Purrington, Farmington; "Suggestion in Education," M. H. Small, Clark university, Worcester, Mass.

Another Mill Resumes.

New York, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday that Alexander Smith & Son's carpet mills of Yonkers would resume work soon after the first of the year. They have been shut down for two months. Only a few looms will be started at first, but gradually all will be at work. The mill employs 7000 persons and has a payroll of $60,000 a week when working full time.

Gladstone's Birthday.

London, Dec. 30.—Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone's 87th birthday was fittingly celebrated throughout England and Scotland yesterday. The Grand Old Man is in excellent mental and physical health.

LITTLE REFUSES

To Grant Any Concessions to Strikers.

THE COMPANY WILL BE APPEALED TO.

Little Will Not Listen to the Strikers.

Boston, Dec. 30.—President Little of the West End, in reply to the committee of citizens appointed at the mass meeting at Faneuil hall Monday night, virtually refused to settle the West End controversy by employing all the men who took part in the strike. The committee, in view of this, has sent a letter to the executive committee of the West End company, praying for a further hearing. The committee assembled at city hall and prepared the following plan of settlement to be presented to President Little:

1—The discontinuance of the employment of new men.

2—Reinstatement of former employes.

3—That a committee of the men be received for the purpose of making a just agreement dealing with the permanent relationship of the corporation to its employes.

To the first request Mr. Little stated that yesterday the company had engaged only 19 men, three of whom were old employes; also that up to Monday evening they had employed only 189 new men; 332 former employes who sought re-employment have been refused for various rasons; 108 former employes have not asked to be reinstated. Among these last are the members of the supreme council.

To the second request Mr. Little stated that they had re-employed 2474 of the old hands. There were also 490 men who did not leave the company's employ, but remained faithful to the company. He said there would be no discrimination against men re-employed so long as their service was satisfactory.

Regarding the third request, Mr. Little stated that he had never declined to receive a committee of the men. While there has been no written agreement between the men and the company for 10 years, the former have been treated in accordance with previous agreements. He declined to deal with the men not now in the company's employ, but told the committee he was ready to meet a committee of the men who were in the company's employ. In view of the fact that Mr. Little's position is a substantial refusal to re-employ the men who are still out, the committee has voted to ask for a hearing with the executive committee of the West End Railway company at the earliest possible day.

Two More Bodies Recovered.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Two more charred corpses were found deep under the debris of Sunday's wreck on the Birmingham mineral passenger train and brought here yesterday. They were too badly burned for identification, but it is regarded as reasonably certain that they are the bodies of S. W. Tubbs and wife of Alger, who are missing. A. H. Linton of Pratt City was here yesterday searching for his 15-year-old son, who had left home for Gurnee Saturday, and was to have left Gurnee for Bloctun Sunday morning. He has not since been seen or heard from, and it is feared that he, too, was a victim of the wreck.

Economic Congress.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—Corporations were considered by the American Economic association yesterday. During the discussion Professor Walker of the Massachusetts Agricultural college said labor organizations ought to be incorporated, and they should be compelled to possess a fund that they might be held responsible for misdeeds of members. This subject was followed by a general debate on agriculture. A memorial to congress asking for the establishment of a permanent census bureau was reported.

Verestchagin Irritated.

Paris, Dec. 30.—There is an exhibition at the Volney club of 100 realistic paintings of Napoleon's Russian campaign by Verestchagin, being a terrible, vivid and impressive lesson of the horrors of war. Verestchagin had prepared a catalogue passing severe judgment upon Napoleon's enterprise, but the committee of the club prohibited the sale of the catalogue. Verestchagin became much irritated, and he will close the exhibition a week earlier than he intended.

Minister Bigelow's Team Ran Away.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Hon John Bigelow, ex-minister to France, was in an exciting runaway yesterday afternoon. Seated in a sleigh were Mr. Bigelow and his two daughters, Miss Grace and Mrs. Charles E. Tracy, and while descending a long mountain hill the horses became frightened at some coasters and ran away. After running quite a distance the sleigh was overturned and the three were hurled down an embankment. Assitance was soon at hand, and, strange to say, Mr. Bigelow and daughters sustained only some slight cuts and bruises. Mr. Bigelow is in the 79th year of his age.

Miners Strike.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 30.—A long strike among the Mercer county coal miners is imminent. The miners demanded a rate of 5 cents per ton increase, and upon the refusal of the operators to grant it, they quit work. The miners in the Black Diamond and Trout mines, numbering 350, came out first, followed by 400 employes of the Grove City mines and the 200 in the Westman, Filer & Co. mines. The trouble was caused by the increase in wages granted in the Pittsburg districts. This is the second time the men have struck in the past three months.

Pension Office Change.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A radical change in the procedure of the pension office has been made. All claims for increase, save in extraordinary cases, hereafter will be sent direct to the medical division of the bureau without having to be passed upon by the board of review, as has been the custom for years.

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THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

O Flarity's vocation offered lots of fun and frolic to a large audience at Music Hall last night.

A woman took a fit of laughter and was frowned at for a while, but soon the audience joined in and everybody laughed at the comical situations, the wit of Fox and the jollity of his pal, Gibbons.

As O'Flarity and Jerry Casey, both make a great team. After registering at a hotel as Lord Hammerstein and the Duke De Kakiak they disguise themselves in their wives' attire and register in their wives' names. To escape detection they doff their disguise and reappear in picked up garb, one as a fisherman, the other as a bicycle rider, convulsing the audience with their jests and comicalities.

Harry O. Hayes as the called man and again as Henry Wildwave, performs some great feats of kicking and dancing. He can kick two balls four feet apart and 16 feet high at the same time.

Miss Krouse is a cultured vocalist, while the soubrette, Katie Allen Fox is always vivacious and graceful.

The illustrated songs at the close formed a popular feature, and altogether the performance is one that everybody must enjoy so full is it of delicious fun, wit, humor, good songs, and fine portrayal of Irish humor.

This Morning's Fire.

An alarm from box 42 at 4 o'clock this morning was occasioned by a slight blaze in the cellar of McLarney's store on Middlesex street.

Chronic

Catarrh cannot be cured by local applications. It is a constitutional disease, and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, working through the blood, eradicates the impurity which causes and promotes the disease, and soon effects a permanent cure. At the same time Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the whole system.

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THE SUN IS

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The New York Sun is now the accredited organ of Boss Platt. If there was an asylum for insane newspapers, the New York Sun would take precedence as the most pronounced case.

There was great alarm over the tie-up of cars in Boston; but for years past anybody who was in a hurry had to walk as the cars seemed to be permanently tied up or jammed up on all principal streets.

The Haverhill Gazette says Congressman Moody is holding aloof from the post office fight in Haverhill. He may, but nevertheless it will not be settled contrary to his wishes. He has but to say the word.

Some republican papers sneer because Mr. Bryan does not like the lecture platform. A lecture is not an oration, and as Bryan is an orator it is, no doubt, difficult for him to restrain his impulses to the cold, stern, conventional style of the lecture platform.

Senator Howard is back from the South and says he can organize the operatives there as well as they are organized here. Mr. Howard can organize the unions and at the same time retain the good graces of their employers, a most difficult thing to do. It is hard to serve two masters whose interests usually run in opposite directions on such matters. But Howard is a success in that particular kind of organizing.

Clerk Sleeper of the house is out for a re-election and his chief opponent seems to be Mr. Kimball, his first assistant who is credited with having done all the work as Sleeper only holds the office and draws the salary. This is the amount of his qualification. He says if re-elected, he will reappoint Kimball which is but a strategetic move in a hopeless extremity. Mr. Sleeper is the A. P. A. candidate for whom McLaughlin was ousted last year.

The business men of Lynn have subscribed $10,000 to foster new industries and induce the present ones to remain in the city. The money was raised at the meeting of the board of trade Tuesday evening. —Newport News.

Here is a lesson for our Lowell board of trade in its everlasting irrepressible tendency to ceaseless talk, talk, only talk—merely that and nothing more. With a board of trade that would show the spirit and enterprise displayed by the Lynn board, Lowell would prosper despite every drawback.

McKINLEY'S ANCESTRY.

The latest revelation of American lineage traced to its origin proves William McKinley to be descended from one of the Irish "patriots" who fled from their country in the troublous times of 1798. There were many patriots who left Ireland when she sorely needed their services and if the Washington Post is to be credited the president-elect is descended from one of the number.

It is now in order for some Scotchman to prove that McKinley sprang from good old Presbyterian stock from the hills of Bonny Scotland.

LOWER CAR FARES.

The movement for lower fares on street railroads is coming east. Mayor Pingree of Detroit inaugurated the movement in Michigan and it has been taken up by the press with good effect in many places. At Chicago recently, the aldermen passed an ordinance fixing fares on street cars at five cents; but the mayor vetoed the measure as an unfair attack upon corporations, a violation of contract and calculated to result in a reduction of wages. But that does not end the matter. The people want lower fares and they will have them. If the mayor stands in the way, he will be turned aside and another man elected who will stand by the people.

AS TO SERVANT GIRLS.

We are informed that housekeepers are having trouble with their servants. It is next to impossible to get these stubborn "servants" to do the work in the precise way their mistresses order and at the precise rate of wages the good ladies wish to pay.

There is here undoubtedly room for honest differences. It is very provoking indeed that a skilled and faithful servant should refuse to work for the pay of a novice or do her work just as an inexperienced or unskilled housekeeper directs. When the mistresses learn to treat their servants with more consideration they will have very much less trouble. The servants will stay longer, they will work harder and for lower wages than if their mistresses lost all patience in telling them how to do this and that, which they learned to do long ago.

Unless we are mistaken the mistresses themselves make much of the trouble they have with servants.

At least there are two sides to the case and the servants are not the bad lot they are sometimes represented to be. "There is much to be said on both sides."

ON SILVER'S GREAT VOTE

MEANING OF THE FIGURES OF THE RECENT ELECTION.

McKinley's Victory Achieved by a Very Narrow Margin—The People Are Opposed to the Single Gold Standard—Senator Chandler's Views.

The Washington Post, although it strongly supported the single gold standard during the last campaign, is of the opinion that the cause of silver is still very much alive. Commenting on the meaning of the election figures, it says:

As the official counts come in and as the unofficial counts are revised and corrected in anticipation of the authoritative verdict it is borne in upon us more and more that Bryan's defeat was achieved upon a very narrow margin, and that the "landslide" spoken of so loudly a few weeks ago was but a thing in buckram. The New Orleans Times-Democrat, one of the best informed journals in the country and without a superior in the collation and analysis of statistics, has just completed a careful examination of the figures, and says:

All the counties of Texas have been heard from, and we are at last able to give the total vote cast at the late election. There were cast 13,732,403 votes, or 1,582,224 more than in the previous election, an increase of over 13 per cent. The plurality of McKinley over Bryan was not the 1,000,000 predicted, but barely half that much, or 552,505 in all. It is not the largest plurality ever received by a candidate for the presidency, but it is below Grant's in 1872, and lies little over his in 1868, Lincoln's in 1860 and Buchanan's in 1856.

The totals are thus given:

McKinley	7,044,884
Bryan	6,492,318
Palmer	110,089
Levering	104,427
Bentley	10,678
Matchett	9,043
Total vote	13,732,403
McKinley's plurality	552,566

Our contemporary concludes as follows:

The table going the rounds of the press purporting to be the popular vote and originally published in the New York World is an arrant fake. It gives South Carolina to McKinley. It credits votes to Palmer in South Dakota, where there was no Palmer ticket, and its returns from most of the states, and particularly the southern states—among them Alabama, Louisiana and Texas—are incorrect and in many cases evidently invented, as votes are credited to candidates, particularly Palmer, where not a single vote was received by them.

It will be January before the official votes in all the states are proclaimed, but there will be practically no change from the table given above.

It is quite safe to assume that these figures are practically correct. The Times-Democrat is a specialist and a high authority in matters of this kind. We venture to say that the returns, when at last they shall have been officially promulgated, will not affect our contemporary's statement to the extent of one-half of 1 per cent as regards any of the totals above given.

Senator Chandler, therefore, makes no mistake in his very forcible letter to the London National Review, when he says:

That the United States is opposed to the single gold standard and is in favor of retracing in due course and with careful regard to the national honor the steps taken in the demonetization of silver, until both gold and silver shall be admitted to free coinage at the ratio of 16½ to 1 and made the standard money of the world and the measure of the values of the world, is a proposition which would receive the suffrages of four-fifths of our voters if this proposition alone could be fairly presented to them, even without further debate. They have sufficiently informed themselves to believe that the quantity of real money, and not the money which must be redeemed in some other money, determines the prices of the world's commodities, that the demonetization of half of the world's real money is slowly reducing prices and crushing debtors, and that the use of only gold as nonredeemable money is placing the great instrument of exchange in commerce upon such a narrow basis that the present depression in production and trade will continue, with occasional and temporary reactions, for an indefinite period, and with manifold evils to the human race the world over.

If the project embodied in the Chicago platform commanded nearly 6,500,000 votes out of less than 14,000,000 cast by the entire nation, what would be the popular majority upon an issue of conservative bimetallism?

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

It Is a Violation of the Prime Principle of Rotation In Office.

There are many thoughtful, patriotic people—men who are not calamity shonters and sensation mongers—who look with grave apprehension on the growth of centralization and the possibility of a fight with imperialism. An officeholding class—a permanent governing body—is a standing menace to government by the people. It is a means of getting government farther away from its source.

The civil service, as now administered, violates the prime principles of rotation in office. It is a dangerous form of imperialism. It has the effect of familiarizing the people with government by the few. It is an insidious step toward the perversion of our institutions. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wanted—More Revenue.

Messrs. Hanna & Co. seem to have a vivid sense of the need of more revenue, which is wise. But how are you going to get it, gentlemen? The McKinley tariff did not produce as much revenue as the present one. You and your allies are utterly opposed to an income tax. Indeed, the great and august supreme court has pronounced an income tax "unconstitutional." Must it be either more bonds or a tax on the poor man's tea and coffee?

Cause For Jubilation.

Mark Hanna is quoted as saying that "the splendor attending McKinley's election will be the grandest ever seen." As the McKinley campaign fund was the largest ever seen it would be no more than appropriate for the triumphant trusts to exhibit their joy with equal lavishness over his inauguration.

A Record Breaking Year.

Trotting records, bicycle records and speechmaking records have all been broken this year. It is almost as easy to break a record as it is to break the moral law.—Twinkles.

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SUNBEAMS.

A Modern Ark.

"Hi, Billie, come in here out of the wet!"—Pick Me Up.

Handicapped.

Buckton—What a very dull week the past one has been. Nothing has happened of any importance.

Noudick—No; I wonder what on earth our preacher will find to preach about next week?—Truth.

Foresight.

"Do you think Julia will accept the offer of her foreign lover?"

"No; her father says when they go abroad they may get something cheaper and just as good."—Chicago Record.

Saved.

Wilkins—Miss Oldfryte sat directly beneath the mistletoe on the chandelier, but Providence saved me.

Bilkins—Providence?

Wilkins—Yes; Providence dropped the chandelier.

McKinley on Cabinet Making.

I've got to have a cabinet,
But one thing I'm afraid of—
I don't see how in time I'll choose
The stuff it's to be made of.

For kindly friends on ev'ry hand
Their ready tongues unlimber
To tell me just the very spots
To look for likely timber.

According to the tales they tell,
The woods are full of giants
On any of whom 'twould seem
'Twere safe to place reliance.

While lofty heads all round us tower
'Tis puzzling to tell which is
The best for any place, 'mid such
Embarrassment of riches.

The woods are full of giants, peers
Of Seward and of Stanton,
And ev'ry day sees sample lots
Dumped right down here in Canton.

Yet I can't help suspicioning
That folks who talk the longest
Are those who'd make the poorest sticks
Appear to me the strongest.

And some, I know, in spite of all
The booming that is cheering
Ambitious hearts and hopes just now
Are nothing but veneering.

I want a good, strong cabinet.
I don't propose to cumber
The presidential office with
A lot of useless lumber.

But, oh, sometimes I can't but wish
We were a little scant on
Fine timber for a cabinet—
Such carloads come to Canton!
—Mary Norten Bradford in Boston Globe.

Slavish.

We were considerably amused recently by the remark of an employee of a corporation who said that he did not dare think during working hours lest his thoughts might betray him. Men have become such slaves that they don't dare say their souls are their own, much less express an opinion antagonistic to the interests of their masters.—Twentieth Century.

To Increase the British Army.

The St. James Gazette states that the army estimates for the ensuing year will be greatly increased. Eight new battalions of infantry and 18 new batteries of artillery, with four guns each, will be formed, and the cavalry service will be reorganized.

Child's Play.

A New York actress, who is also a real live countess, proposes to play the part of Svengali in "Trilby." We have long known that women were adepts in the art of hypnotizing men, but that one of them should attempt to practice the art upon a member of her own sex is almost beyond belief, and it would simply be time wasted.—Cleveland Leader.

Not Up to Date.

She isn't very witty, she isn't very wise,
But when a girl has dimples, and bits of heaven for eyes,
And hair like sunshine gleaming, and voice both sweet and low,
A little bit of nothing is all she needs to know.

She does not talk of X rays, or Venezuelan strife,
Of Jewish persecution, or of the after life,
Of massacres in China, inhabitants of Mars,
And she adores light vaudeville, not operatic stars.

She has no aspirations, she longs for no career,
She has no wish for suffrage, of tyrant man no fear.
She never wrote a novel, a poem or a play,
And she prefers a bonnet to laurel wreaths or bay.

She's never heard of microbes, bacteria and the like,
Or sociologic questions—why laborers have to strike;
Why some have all the money, and some have all the work,
Or why the poor Armenian should suffer from the Turk;
But, oh, she smiles and dimples at everything that's said,
And, oh, her hair is golden, and, oh, her lips are red,
Her eyes are real cerulean, her voice is sweet, and so
A little bit of nothing is all she needs to know!
—Lawrence K. Russel in Truth.

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It is in the psychological laboratory that these interesting tests are made by Professor J. McKeen Cattell. The purpose is to allow each student to know his strength and weakness of mind and body, so that he may act accordingly. He is thus enlightened at the outset of his career as to what best befits his nature. A plunge in the darkness he need not make, with this intimate acquaintance of himself. He can choose that course in life for which he reveals aptitude.

Furthermore, all possible illusions being dispelled by this searching scrutiny, he is aware of his uncertain points, and so can strive to remedy those which are capable of bettering. In brief, it is scientific analysis of each student's character without the use of those solemn tricks, such as feeling cranial bumps and fidgeting about palms. It is an invaluable guide to the future.

The variety of questions proves its thoroughness. First, there is the gentle inquiry as to heredity. "How many brothers did your father and mother have?" "Was your father his mother's first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or what child?" and "How about your mother?" These and more searching queries as to parentage follow in rapid succession, fully illuminating the student's ancestry.

Then the student is asked as to his physical ills, whether he has toothaches or colds, if his teeth are good, and how many hours he usually sleeps. Does he dream? Are his dreams pleasant, commonplace or fearful? How many cups of tea or coffee does he drink daily? How great a number of pipes, cigars or cigarettes does he smoke? Does he use alcoholic drinks? If so, how many beers or other liquors a day? What opera does he prefer? What novelist, painter, poet?

And so he is bombarded with an intense inquisition, which lucidly sets forth the student's character. If he is delving too deep in pleasure, out the truth blazes. Should he inherit conspicuous qualities, that fact, too, shows plainly.

When he emerges from the inquisitorial volley, he is measured. The elevation of his nose is inquired into. This member may reveal a temperament ranging from the philosophical to the pugilistic, the reckless to the prudent. It is important to know what its shape signifies. It may be bulbous or aquiline, jutting or stumpy, each of which forms has a significance not to be despised.

The ears are submitted to careful analysis. According to the latest accepted dictums of science, the size of ears means much. If too large and not too friendly to the skull, they are liable to tell a silent story of degeneracy, and indications otherwise range from obtrusiveness to refinement. Similarly the mouth and lips are measured. The size of the hands in contrast to that of the body and fingers in relation to the width of the hand is noted. The subject's head undergoes the same process, and his eyes are submitted to color experiment to find whether he is color blind. His breathing capacity is tested, as well as his keenness of sight and hearing, memory, profession of time, sensation areas and the physical state of his limbs.

When this exhaustive examination, containing a great number of questions and tests, is completed, the professor states in writing whether he regards the subject as likely to be a good student, if he is quick, talkative, accurate, straightforward, intellectual, of strong will, of powerful emotions, well balanced, choleric, sanguine, melancholy or phlegmatic.

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Anti Foot Binding Movement.

The anti foot binding movement, inaugurated by the missionaries in China, is distinctly gaining ground. Many women have pledged themselves not to bind their children's feet, and some have unbound their own, though the latter procedure is of little value, a foot that has been bound for years being incapable either of recovering its original shape or of performing much useful service when deprived of the support of the bandages.

Actors In New Jersey Childhood Romance.

A strange story of child love comes from Rutherford, N. J., where 12-year-old Anna Mansfield tried hard to end her life because 13-year-old Clarence Volkmann jilted her. Anna wrote him a note, saying that he had been cruel and that she would kill herself. Then she swallowed carbolic acid and shot herself in the head with a pistol while her father and mother were away from home.

Queen Victoria's Telegrapher.

There are few appointments at court in England entailing a greater degree of labor and discretion than that of chief telegrapher to the queen, an office which Mr. Malcolm Riley holds. Her majesty's telegraphic correspondence, not only with her relatives, ministers and officials in the United Kingdom, but also with her kinsfolk abroad, is something enormous, and it will scarcely be credited that she writes nearly every message in her own hand, not on blanks, but on ordinary sheets of note paper, adorned with the royal cipher and the name of the palace where she may happen to be residing at the time.—Railroad Telegrapher.

A CRY OF WARNING.

"I suffered for years and years with womb and kidney trouble in their worst forms.

"I had terrible pains in my abdomen and back; could hardly drag myself around; had the 'blues' all the time, was cross to every one; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me of all my pains.

"I cannot praise it enough, and cry aloud to all women that their suffering is unnecessary; go to your druggist and get a bottle that you may try it anyway. You owe this chance of recovery to yourself."—MRS. J. STEARD, 2218 Amber St., Kensington, Phila Pa

THEIR AWFUL FRIGHT.

The Dollarcrats Have Not Yet Recovered From It.

One of its dollarcratic readers sends the following letter to the New York Sun:

To the Editor of The Sun:

Sir—In your editorial admonition of yesterday to "Keep the Ranks Solid" you justly say the crop of votes harvested by Bryan was "portentous in its magnitude." Are we not in danger, in our exultation over McKinley's large electoral majority and his glorious popular plurality, of overlooking the fact that we really saved the day only by the skin of our teeth? A chain is only as strong as its weakest links. Where are the weak links in the sound money chain that has saved us this time, which we must devote the next four years to strengthening? A careful study of the figures will show.

Bearing in mind that a majority of 5,000 is changed by the transfer of 2,500 votes into a majority of 1,000 for the opposing candidate, let us see what would have resulted from a few such changes in ten critical states:

	Votes changed.	Total vote in 1892.	Electors.
South Dakota	400	70,000	3
Kentucky	1,000	840,000	12
Wyoming	1,000	10,000	3
Delaware	1,500	87,000	3
Oregon	4,000	73,000	4
Tennessee	4,000	267,000	12
California	4,000	269,000	9
North Dakota	5,000	80,000	3
West Virginia	8,000	171,000	6
Indiana	11,000	654,000	15
Totals	40,000	1,538,000	71

According to the best figures to be had four days after the election, it appears that a change of 40,000 votes in the ten critical states above enumerated would have given Bryan 71 more electoral votes and a majority of five in the electoral college. Allowing for the probable increase in four years, it is fair to suppose that the total vote this year in these ten states is not less than 2,000,000. In other words, a change of 2 per cent of the vote in ten states would have made a free silver anarchist the lawful president of the American republic.

I yield to no one in admiration of the magnificent Gibraltars of sound money that stand revealed in the votes of New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. But the figures here compiled show that we also have a Sudan to defend, and that Bryan came perilously near to victory.

Even taking the country at large and counting in all the states that are overwhelmingly for sound money, a popular plurality of 1,000,000 in a total vote of 13,000,000, superb and unprecedented as it is, nevertheless leaves us face to face with the ugly fact that 45 out of every 100 American citizens deliberately preferred the Chicago platform of repudiation and anarchy, for the candidacy of Palmer has at least served the purpose of enabling us to know that the Democrats who voted for Bryan, like the mob that nominated him, did so from choice and not from party compulsion.

EMERSON E. STEARNS.

Archbishop Fabre Dying.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The condition of Archbishop Fabre has taken a decided turn for the worse, and though he is perfectly conscious, it is stated that he can only last a few hours.

IN THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY

A SURPRISING CHANGE IN SENTIMENT.

It Will Sweep the Globe.

Until lately Massachusetts was the enemy's country.

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Among the thousands, few were able to tell the cause of their sufferings.

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SPAIN DENIES IT

Good Offices of This Government Asked.

A CORRESPONDENT IS NOW IN PRISON.

The Prosecution of Three Friends Case.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—An emphatic denial is given here to the report credited to the Washington Post that Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, and Mr. Olney have concluded negotiations for the acceptance by Spain of the good offices of the United States in the settlement of the Cuban insurrection.

London Comment.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News' Paris correspondent says: It is quite clear that Spain is negotiating with Mr. Olney, but the Castilian pride compels the government to negotiate in an underhand way. They cannot help trying to arrive at a private understanding with the United States for the proceeds of the recent loan are nearly exhausted, and Captain General Weyler's apparent inaction has checked the buoyancy which followed Maceo's death.

Correspondent In Prison.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Olney has received a report from the United States consulate at Havana regarding the case of Henry Delgado, the Cuban correspondent of The Mail and Express, whose capture and confinement by the Spanish authorities the secretary ordered investigated. The secretary makes the following public statement:

"It appears from a report of the Havana consulate that Mr. Delgado was made a prisoner by the Spanish troops in course of recent military operations in the province of Pinar Del Rio; that he is reported to have belonged to the staff of the insurgent Major General Maceo and to have been in command of the artillery; that a letter to Maceo and one from Maceo to the prefect of Las Tumbas were found on his person. It being reported to the consulate that Delgado is a native born American citizen all the rights to which he is entitled under our treaty with Spain and subsequent protocol have been claimed for him."

Mr. Delgado is confined in the military hospital of San Ambroso, outside of Havana. The rights spoken of in the statement consist of a trial by the ordinary judicial authorities, unless the prisoner "is taken with arms." Then he must be tried by a council of war or court-martial.

Cuban sympathizers in New York sent to Secretary Olney yesterday a formal appeal that the state department exert its influnce in behalf of Dr. Gaspard A. Betancourt, arrested in Havana on suspicion of being an agent of the Cuban junta in New York.

Filibuster Starts Out.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Jacksonville, Fla., says:

The tug Dauntless, one of the alleged Cuban filibusters of this port, yeft here yesterday afternoon ostensibly on a towing application. An application was made for clearance papers to Port Antonio, Jam., but this was only to cover the purpose to clear with arms and ammunition for Cuba. The collector refused to issue papers until he had informed the Washington officials of the matter. After waiting awhile the tug steamed down the river.

While Washington officials were studying the legal aspect of her captain's demand, the Dauntless left, escorted by the Boutwell. A night report from the observer at Fort George, below Mayport, at the mouth of the river, fails to show her present whereabouts. The Boutwell is at Mayport now, but whether the Dauntless has shipped her cargo and escaped from the cutter cannot be ascertained.

Three Friends Case.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The authorities of the treasury department and the department of justice expect that the prosecution of the filibustering steamer Three Friends will be under section 5282 of the revised statutes. This will be a new method of prosecution. Heretofore the proceedings have been mainly under section 5286, covering expeditions. Section 5282 is directed against the manning and mounting of guns on a vessel intended to be used against a friendly nation. As those on board the Three Friends have given circumstantial denial as to the mounting and firing of a Hotchkiss rapid fire gun, it is believed by officials that section 5282 will apply to the case. The proceeding against the vessel is much more severe in the case of libel for putting out an expedition. The statute provides that on conviction the vessel and all tackle, stores, etc., shall be forfeited to the United States.

Populists Want Protection at Polls.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—After being in session for two days the Populists embodied the future conduct of the party in this state in the following resolutions: Resolved, That we deem it advisable that the organization of the People's party should be continued throughout this state, and we recommend the organization of clubs throughout the state without any reference to party affiliations. Resolved, That we believe that further and better provisions by law ought to be made to properly protect the voters of this state in a free expression, by their votes, of their views, and that to the end that the votes when cast shall be accurately counted.

Gets His Job Back.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—Truant Officer Thomas R. McClurie, who was suspended on Dec. 14, pending a hearing upon a charge of having sold information of proposed liquor raids and received therefor compensation at the rate of $25 a month, was yesterday reinstated by the board of school visitors, with salary in full during the period of suspension. There were nearly 100 applicants for the position.

Deputy Sheriff Refuses to Serve Papers.

Laconia, N. H., Dec. 30.—George B. Cox of this city, attorney for the state Law and Order league of New Hampshire, has brought suit against Deputy Sheriff Swain Clough of Pittsfield to recover damages for alleged refusal to serve eight criminal warrants upon as many different persons in Pittsfield accused of violation of the prohibitory liquor law. Clough refused to serve the papers unless an indemnity bond securing his fees was put up.

ECKLES NOT APPREHENSIVE.

Comptroller of the Currency Says National Banks Are All Right.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Comptroller of the Currency Eckels said yesterday afternoon that he feels no apprehension over the bank failures which have occurred of late. Two more failures—the Commercial National bank of Roanoke, Va., and the Columbia National of Minneapolis—were added to the list yesterday. They are comparatively small institutions, however, and under ordinary circumstances their failures, it is said, would attract only passing attention. Mr. Eckels, when asked as to the general banking situation, said: "Of course bank failures are more or less disquieting, but those which have occurred recently have little or no general significance attached to them. They were due largely to local causes wholly disconnected with the general condition of the banks to the country at large. The case of the Atlas bank was not a failure at all, but was a mere voluntary liquidation, every depositor being paid in full. The two failures yesterday are of minor importance. As against these few failures, based on local causes, the general condition of the banks is excellent. The reports received under the last call—that of Dec. 17—are uniformly favorable and show an average reserve held of considerable above the 25 per cent required by the law. One of the last reports, that of the Brooklyn banks, shows the average reserve held to be 34.02 per cent, and most of the reports run 5 or 10 per cent above the legal requirements. In each case, too, the assets in detail make an entirely satisfactory showing as compared with the liabilities. On the whole it is evident that national banks are as stable as they ever were, and the sporadic failure of a bank here and there through defects peculiar to the failing banks is of small importance, wholly without significance. I am advised from Minneapolis that the failure there has occasioned no disturbance beyond the institution concerned."

Fast Wheeling.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Waller held the advantage by two laps over Maddox at the close last night of the second day racing in the international eight hours a day contest. The two men have kept almost neck and neck during the long ride until yesterday when Maddox punctured his tire and lost two laps. He made a desperate effort to make up the loss sustained, but was unable to do so. The day was replete with examples of the survival of the fittest, the two weakest men dropping by the wayside after pedalling as long as they could stand the terrific pace set by the leaders. All the eight men who are still riding, with the exception of Ball, the local cyclist, appeared at the close of the riding last night to be in excellent condition, except that they show some signs of fatigue. When the racers finished for the night, at 10:25, the score was as follows: Waller, 291 miles, 2 laps; Maddox, 291 miles; Ashinger, 290 miles, 5 laps; Lawson, 288 miles, 8 laps; Hunter, 285 miles; Foster, 266 miles, 1 lap; Chapple, 286 miles, 2 laps; Ball, 269 miles, 5 laps.

Wales Couldn't Graduate.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 30.—The Wales trial began in the supreme court here yesterday, and the government presented a number of witnesses for the purpose of showing that the defendant had a motive in trying to destroy, by fire or dynamite, Goddard seminary. It was shown that Principal Pierce had refused to allow Wales to graduate, owing to backwardness in his studies. Several of the students testified that Wales was not at the seminary when the fire broke out, but had left just previously. It was also shown that Wales came to Montpelier, and at home appeared to be under great excitement.

New Charter For Newton.

Newton, Mass., Dec. 30.—The common council concurred with the board of aldermen in the adoption of the new city charter last night, and all sections go to the mayor for his approval. The section which was principally in dispute, relative to the terms of the different administrative boards, was passed with no opposition, notwithstanding the fact that the aldermen spent nearly all Monday night in debating the matter. Under the new charter the mayor will hold office for one year and the aldermen and school trustees two years.

Pawned Girl's Diamonds.

New York, Dec. 30.—Walton Storm, who was at one time an assistant district attorney of this city, and who was arrested not long ago for having failed to pay for $300 worth of diamonds he had secured on memorandum, will be called upon to answer in the Yorkville court this morning an accusation made against him by Miss Minnie Mackon, who charges him with having taken from her $2500 worth of diamonds, which he afterwards pawned, and which she has since been unable to recover.

Senator Dubois Goes Home.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Dubois of Idaho left for home Monday night to remain until the question of his re-election to the senate is determined. He will be joined on the way by Hon. C. A. Walsh, secretary of the Democratic national committee, who will accompany him to Boise City and remain with him until the close of the contest for the purpose of doing all that he can to promote Mr. Dubois' prospects.

New Cotton Mill Starts.

Warwick, R. I., Dec. 30.—The new cotton mill at Centerville was started yesterday morning. Work will be given about 600 operatives. Fancy cotton goods will be manufactured. A number of operatives who were thrown out of work by the fatal boiler explosion at the Kent Woolen company's works last week will get employment in the new factory.

Clothes Caught Fire From Stove.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 30.—Mrs. William Brodie, while working over a stove yesterday afternoon, was terribly burned through her clothes catching fire. After suffering awful agony for nearly five hours she died. She leaves a husband, son and daughter.

Boy Drowned.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 30.—Arthur Du Bois, 7 years old, was drowned while crossing the mill pond at Whittenton, on his way to school, yesterday afternoon. Several comrades who were near by were unable to rescue him. The body was recovered.

Wife Murderer Insane.

Atlantic City, Dec. 30.—Deputy Sheriff Ashley of this county last night received word that John Rech, the self-confessed murderer, who strangled and buried his wife in the woods near May's Landing, is on the verge of insanity. The derangement is attributed to remorse for his crime.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

WILL WED GYPSY

Princess De Chimay Gone Completely "Daffed."

AN AMERICAN HEIRESS IN GAY PARIS

Where Her Tale of Woe is Related.

Buda-Pesth, Dec. 30.—The presence here of Princess de Caraman-Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward, an heiress of Detroit, who eloped from Paris last summer with a Hungarian Gypsy musician named Janesi Rigo, with whom she became infatuated while witnessing his performance in a Parisian cafe, has caused a sensation in certain circles. The princess received members of the press, to whom she spoke in the freest manner. She declared it was incorrect to suggest that her husband, a Belgian nobleman of French extraction, had behaved in an ungentlemanly manner toward her. On the contrary, she insisted, the prince had always conducted himself as a gentleman. But he was of a cold, reserved nature, and was always more at his club or on the turf than with his family. The couple have two children living.

PRINCESS DE CHIMAY.

The princess was then asked why she left her husband, and replied: "That is a remarkable story. I have also asked myself why I have done so, and I can find no reply to the question. Soon after our marriage I went with my husband to Brussels. At first I found the Belgian aristocracy very sympathetic. When, however, there was talk of a highly placed personage having shown me special favor an entire change occurred. The sympathy first shown me was withdrawn, and therefore I went to Paris. I there became acquainted with M. Rigo in the Cafe Faillard. He was acting as bandmaster. Rigo liked me better than his beloved music. The rest you know."

In conclusion, the princess said: "I should like very much to see my children again, but the law has given them to their father. I, on the other hand, have given up half my income, $15,000, for their education. I shall remain two months in Hungary."

The "highly placed personage" referred to by the princess in this interview is understood here to refer to King Leopold of Belgium, and is said to furnish the cause for the refusal of the Queen of Belgium to be introduced to Princess de Caraman-Chimay at a garden party at Laeken, the royal park and palace near Brussels.

The princess gave her full story to the correspondents. It appears that she arrived in Paris at the age of 16 with her mother. Her first suitor was a German captain named Von Heffels, who was rejected.

She made the acquaintance of the Prince of Chimay-Caraman at the residence of the then United States consul. She accepted the prince's suit, the mother and daughter having made a wager between them that he would propose within two months. The princess states in her interview that she spent 1,500,00 francs ($300,000) in repairing the Prince of Chimay-Caraman's old family chateau in Hainault. After six years of marriage, the princess states, only an income of 155,000 francs ($31,000) remained of her fortune.

The princess said to the newspaper men that she will marry Janesi Rigo, her Hungarian Gypsy lover. She showed to the reporters on the upper part of her arm a tattooed serpent, surmounted with the name Janesi, and above it the letter "C.," the whole design being topped by a ducal crown.

Hundreds of people wait outside the hotel where the pair are staying to see the runaway princess, and special police are needed to keep order. When she appears at the theater adorned with splendid diamonds and the Gypsy Janesi at her side the performers on the stage are quite ignored, so great is the curiosity aroused.

Navigation Suspended.

St. John, N. F., Dec. 30.—An ice blockade on the whole of the northeastern coast of the island has begun, and steamers and vessels are returning here, it being impossible to reach the mining settlements. All navigation will be suspended for the balance of the year. A number of vessels are frozen in the ice and will remain there until spring. The mail boat Virginia narrowly escaped being crushed.

Concord Fire Report.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 30.—The fire report for 1896 of the city of Concord shows that the fire department responded to 23 bell alarms and 65 still alarms: that the actual loss to property was $60,000 on a total valuation of $95,000, with $33,000 insurance paid on $49,000 of risks.

Fell Off Wharf.

Bar Harbor, Me., Dec. 30.—Miss Bessie Sargent, a young woman 20 years of age, fell from the Maine Central wharf last night and was drowned. The body was recovered in 20 minutes, but resuscitation failed. Miss Sargent belonged in South Gouldsborough.

Crushed Between Tree and Sled.

Whitefield, N. H., Dec. 30.—Henry Plaisted, aged 23, and unmarried, was crushed to death in Kilkenny woods yesterday afternoon by being caught between a sled and trees while coming down a steep incline.

Dr. Job Sweet Retires.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 30.—Dr. Job Sweet, one of the family of brothers whose fame as natural bone setters is widespread, yesterday announced his retirement from practice after 50 years in his profession.

WANAMAKER'S PROPHECY.

Unless Good Times Return the World Will Be Shaken.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—John Wanamaker, who is opposing Bois Penrose for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Mr. Cameron, was interviewed last night on the situation of the campaign, which is one of the bitterest ever known in Pennsylvania politics.

He began with the statement that "if the next four years do not give good times to the United States, the new century will usher in changes that will be severely felt to the most remote corner of the world. Pennsylvania's responsibility in the administration of national affairs is thrown upon her congressmen and two senators. The terms of these two senators expire either at the beginning of or during President McKinley's administration, and as the time approaches to fill the next vacancy, some of those who labored incessantly to defeat the nomination of President McKinley and carried the vote of Pennsylvania in the convention against him are assuming to dispense the federal patronage in advance of his inauguration in order to influence the votes of the members of the legislature."

Concerning national issues, he said he favored a tariff high enough to remunerate manufacturers so that they may be able to keep employes going the full week at good wages, and to exclude everything that we can grow or make in this country. He declared that the Wilson bill had destroyed labor in America and that the working people were the first sufferers from importations. He advocated a greatly restricted immigration law, and asserted his unalterable opposition to any tampering with the monetary system which would tend to destroy the nation's credit.

Robbed on Fifth Avenue.

New York, Dec. 30.—A bold highway robbery was perpetrated in broad daylight on Fifth avenue yesterday by a young man who claimed, when subsequently arrested, that he was starving to death. Mrs. Burden was walking down Fifth avenue on her way home. Near Seventy-seventh street she was suddenly confronted by a young man, who placed a knife at her throat and demanded that she give to him all her money and jewelry. Mrs. Burden screamed for help and attempted to escape from the highwayman. The latter, however, seized her roughly by the arm, threw her to the pavement and wrenched her pocketbook from her hand. The purse contained a check for $60, drawn in Mr. Burden's favor. Clutching the purse in his hands the thief ran through Seventy-seventh street, Mrs. Burden meanwhile screaming as loudly as she could.

Burning Coal Heaps.

New Haven, Dec. 30.—One of the most destructive fires to the property of the Consolidated railroad in recent years is now smouldering in the immense heap of bituminous coal at the coal supply stand, New Haven yards, where the locomotives of six division get their supply of fuel. There are upwards of 75,000 tons in the yard at the present time, and it is estimated that between 10,000 and 20,000 tons have been consumed by the fire, causing a loss varying from $40,000 to $80,000. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion, and was discovered two weeks ago. Since then a number of men have been working day and night digging through the coal heaps to extinguish the fire, and it will require several weeks of constant labor to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

Gotham's High Tax Rate.

New York, Dec. 30.—The board of estimate and apportionment, which has been for two weeks considering the final estimates of the various branches of the city government for 1897, finished its work yesterday. The total appropriations foot up something close to $50,000,000. This expenditure, it is estimated, will make the tax rate for next year $2.30 on each $100 of valuation. No approach to this budget or this rate has ever been reached before. Mayor Strong has little to say about the budget, but it is believed that he is surprised.

American Historical Association.

New York, Dec. 30.—The American Historical association met in this city yesterday. Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, president of the association, delivered his inaugural address in the evening. Dr. Storrs, who read from a 40-page typewritten manuscript, first thanked the association for the high honor conferred upon him in selecting him to preside over the destinies of the association at its last annual meeting, held in Washington in December, 1895. Dr. Storrs then went on to eulogize the founders of the association, who, he said, were the lineal descendants of the pioneer New Englanders and early settlers in Massachusetts. Among the pioneers mentioned by Dr. Storrs were Elias Wheeler, the son of a farmer in Massachusetts; Robert Boyle, governor of the latter place in 1750; Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, S. P. Chase, Levi Woodbury, and George E. Marsh. General J. G. Wilson of this city read a paper entitled "Tributes to Deceased Members." The regular committees were appointed and the association adjourned for the day.

Skating Carnival.

New York, Dec. 30.—Following is the complete program of events for the skating carnival to be held at Cove pond, Stamford, Conn., Jan. 20, 21 and 22. The races will take place on a half-mile track. The ice now is eight inches thick: First day, Jan. 20—One mile novice, amateur; one half mile, for boys under 15, amateur; two-mile handicap, amateur; 25 miles, championship of Connecticut, amateur. Second day, Jan. 21—One-fourth of a mile in heats, professional; one mile, scratch, professional; three-mile scratch, professional; one mile handicap, amateur. Third day, Jan. 22—National Amateur Skating association championship of America for 1897: 440 yards, 1 mile, 6 miles, 10 miles.

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By Associated Press to the Sun.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—During the terrible night just passed and this morning, a bog slide at Castle island, County Kerry, continued unchecked. There is a copious rainfall helping the movement. A mass of bog, one mile and a half wide roars like the ocean and is sweeping everything before it.

It made wrecks of homes, carcasses of animals and all sorts of debris is being carried into lake Killarney. People in that vicinity have fled from their homes. There is the greatest excitement and hundreds are homeless.

BRAM TRIAL NEARLY OVER

THE PRISONER HOLDS HIS BOLD FRONT

And May be Acquitted—Arguments Will Soon be Reached.

Boston, Dec. 29—When the Bram trial opened today, the attorneys on both sides expressed the determination to finish the testimony today unless some important point arises. Dr. Theodore W. Fisher, who yesterday expressed the opinion that Brown had at least once been the victim of homicidal mania, was again called to the stand.

BATAVIA BANK.

Goes Down With the Bank of Chicago.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Batavia, Ill., Dec. 29—The liquidation of the Atlas National bank of Chicago, has precipitated the suspension of the Van Norwick bank of Batavia and the assignment of William M. and John I. Van Nortwick of their vast property interests aggregating two million and a half dollars, to the equitable Trust company of Chicago. There is no statement yet, but Cashier Grimes states the assets are ample to meet all liabilities if time is given to realize on property. Such was the general confidence of Batavia depositers in the Van Nortwick's bank that there was no run on the bank when it became known they were involved in the Atlas Failure.

DEAN MURDER.

The Trial Set Down For January 8.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Concord, Mass., Dec. 29.—The preliminary trial of Lorezo Barnes charged with the murder of John Dean of Maynard, Dec. 17, is scheduled for today and was postponed until Jan. 8 at the request of counsel.

Steamer Lost.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Bilboa, Dec. 29—The steamer Carranza, from Rotterdam for this port, was lost of Cape Ajor. Six of the crew were saved, and fifteen are missing.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

It is officially denied at Washington that Spanish Premier Canovas has sent Sec. Olney a communication accepting the mediation of the United States in carrying out the plan of autonomy for Cuba.

The Columbia National bank of Minneapolis, a small institution, worth $200,000 capital, closed this morning and is now in the hands of bank examiners.

The silk and cotton manufacturers were the subjects of today's hearings of the ways and means committee at Washington. A. B. Sanford of Fall River, representing the cotton and yarn spinners of the United States, presented an exhaustive statement.

The porte at Constantinople has granted the demand of envoys of France and Italy that their representatives be present at the trial of Mazpar Bey.

The birthday of right Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone was celebrated at Hawarden today. The usual flood of telegrams and letters were received.

Isaac Steuker, convicted last night of arson in the first degree at New York, was sentenced to 36 years in prison by Judge Fursman.

The British steamer Brookline, from Jamaica, arrived at Boston today, reports an unknown three-masted schooner off Cape Cod this morning, with mizzen mast and main topmast gone.

Loss by Fire.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New York, Dec. 29—Damage to the extent of $20,000 was done the consolidated stock and Petroleum exchange today by fire.

DEATHS.

GRIMES—James Grimes, aged 2 years, 3 months, child of James and Mary Grimes, died last evening at 276 High street. The remains will be forwarded to Canton, Mass., tomorrow for interment.

FUNERALS.

McGOON—The funeral of Andrew McGoon took place from his home in Market street yesterday afternoon. The pall bearers were: Messrs. John Ganley, Michal Riley, Hugh Roark and James Riley. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery and Rev. Fr. Burke officiated.

RILEY—The funeral of the late Miss Mary A. Riley took place this morning from St. Patrick's church, and was largely attended by immediate friends and relatives of the deceased, Rev. Fr. Burke officiating. The bearers were John Courtney, Charles Rourke, Mathew Whelton, Frank Fallon, John Ash, Joseph Walford. There was a profusion of floral tributes. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

BURGLARS BUSY.

Made a Break at Billerica Centre Last Night.

Burglars entered the store of John Bull in Billerica Centre last night and stole $200 worth of plunder. This is the first break in a long time at the centre.

shortness of breath—a sensation of dryness and heat in the throat. Neglect is dangerous. HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR
Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar acts like a charm on the throat and bronchial tubes. Use it before it's too late. Sold by druggists.

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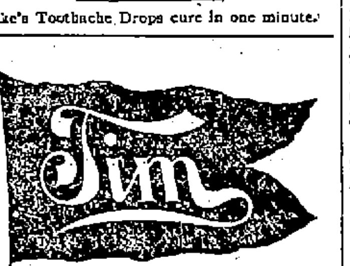

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For those who want Tim Union-made — just ask for a Tim that's Union-made and you have a guarantee of purity and cleanliness.
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Winter Arrangement.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Corrected to Oct. 4, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLESEX STREET DEPOT, LOWELL.

For Boston, at 6.50, 8.15, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 12.45, 2.30, 3.20, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 4.15, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Lawrence, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p.m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Haverhill, 6.30, 8.50, 8.30, 9.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 6.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Salem and Lynn, 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Newburyport and Amesbury, 6.30 a. m. 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p. m.
For Exeter and Dover, 6.50, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.40, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p.m.
For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 4.05 p. m.
For Somersworth, N. H., Salmon Falls, Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.50, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 4.35, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Lewiston, 8.30 a. m; 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Bangor, Belfast, and way stations, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Skowhegan and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.
For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and the Provinces, 5.10 p. m., except Saturday. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. (5.10 does not run Saturdays); SUNDAY, 5.30 p. m.
For Eastport and St. John (per steamer), on Mondays and Fridays, 12.05 p. m.
For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Rockland), Tuesdays and Friday at 5.10 p. m.
†Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

Southern Division.

On and After Oct. 4, 1896, Trains Leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as Follows:

For Boston, 5.45, 6.30, ¶6.53, *7.45, *8.50, ¶9.00, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, ¶3.00, 4.25, ¶6.35 p. m. SUNDAYS, 7.45 a. m.
Trains Leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5.48, 6.33, ¶6.52, 7.01, 7.19, *7.27, 7.33, *7.48, *8.07, 9.03, *9.50, 11.03, 11.42 a. m. 12.16, 1.43, ¶3.03, *3.55, 4.03, 4.28, 5.22, 5.38, 6.21, 7.51 p. m. SUNDAYS, *7.18, *7.27, 8.48, *9.18 a. m; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.
For Woburn, 8.30, 1.01, 7.33, 7.45, 11.00 a.m.; 1.40, 4.28, p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m., 4.25, 5.58 p. m.
*Express. ¶Via Bedford.
For Lawrence, 6.30, 10.00 a. m; 4.15 p. m.
For Salem, and Way Stations, 7.33 a. m.; 1.28, 5.53 p. m.
For Ayer Junction, and Way Stations, 7.10 a. m.; 12.09, 5.00 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS 2.15 p. m.
For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.13 a. m.; 1.00, 3.43, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 2 p. m.
For Greenfield, Peterboro', Bennington, Hillsboro' and Keene, 9.13 a. m. and 3.43 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Greenfield, 2.00 p. m.
For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40, 9.13, 9.40, 10.09 a. m; 12.00, 1.00, 1.40, 3.43, 5.40, 6.17, 8.13, 8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only) 3.08 a.m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.12, 8.40 p.m.
For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.13, 9.40 a. m; 12.09, 1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.40, ¶6.13 p. m.
For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 9.13 a. m; 1.40 p. m.
For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville via Wells River—9.40 a.m; 1.40, ¶8.40 p. m.
For Montpelier, Montreal, Essex Junction, Burlington and St. Albans, via Central Vermont line—9.40 a. m.; 12.19, ¶8.13 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—9.40 a. m.; ¶8.40 p. m.
Quebec Express via Plymouth and Sherbrooke—1.40, 8.40 p. m., daily except Sunday.
☞ † Daily for Montreal.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Passenger and Ticket Agent.
H. C. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

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OFFICE:
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With the Discount Off for Prompt Payment, is
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First Class Cooking Stoves set up and rented at a low rate per year, piping included. COKE, broken, screened and delivered, at $4.50 per chaldron; $2.25 per half chaldron, cash.
No charge made for the use of meters.
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Orders when left at office promptly attended to.

WANT COLUMN.

LOST—Between 59 Boott corporation and Bridge street, a pocketbook containing a sum of money. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 59 Boott corporation.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 22, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 521 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address R, sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house; in good repair, 6 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a home and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athan Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—Just the place you want to make money on a 4 tenement block in Belvidere. Pays 12 per cent. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CATON'S TANSY PILLS for Ladies never fail. Get the genuine and avoid disappointment. $1, all druggists or direct. DR. R. F. CATON, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Good boarding and lodging house near John street. All new furniture and in good shape. 60 boarders. This is an excellent location for business. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop, Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

MOODY STREET BRIDGE HOUSE LOTS.
New Bridge will be completed in a few days. The electric road is being laid across the bridge. Sewers, gas, city water, etc. 76 houses have been built in the last 8 months, and a large number are being built at the present time. Don't delay, choice lots are going quick, prices are low, only 10, 12 and 15c. per foot, easy monthly payments. Call for plans, terms etc. On the land every afternoon.
A. J. RYAN, Agt.
Room 29A Hildreth Building (Old Post Office)

FOR NEW YEAR'S
THE BEST OF EVERYTHING.
Fat Vermont Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens, Celery and Market supplies, Pure Candy, Florida Oranges, New Nuts, etc. Our Market, Grocery and Bakery Department is well supplied with the BEST OF EVERYTHING for Christmas.
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PHILIP J. FARLEY. Room 11, Barristers' Hall.
Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 12, Shedd's Block.
Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 131 Central St., Opp. American House.
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Full sen—7:15 a. m. 6 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy weather; possibly light showers in western portion, with southwesterly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

Fifty dress suits to let for parties and balls. Telephone 255. Cavanaugh and Dieault.

Orders for coal promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed by Roark & Sullivan, 934 Gorham street. Telephone 556-3.

Building materials are very low. You can get all mason's supplies of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, at low figures.

Begin the new year with a deposit in the Five Cent Savings bank. Interest begins next Saturday.

Loyal Excelsior Lodge.

Loyal Excelsior Lodge, M. U. I. O. O. F., elected the following officers at Monday evening's meeting: Grand master, Wm. Fielding; noble grand, Thomas W. Oxley; vice grand, Henry Wisbee; elective secretary, Frederick Gavin; permanent secretary, Joseph Whittaker; treasurer, John M. Dean; chaplain, J. M. Robinson; warden, Dr. C. L. Sweetser; delegate to district lodge, David Blakely.

The officers of the lodge voted to accept the invitation extended them by Loyal Victoria Lodge, M. U., I. O. O. F. to participate in its social Thursday evening.

BURGLARS CHASED

By Dogs in Billerica Centre and Escaped.

The burglars who entered John Bull's store in Billerica Centre Monday night, also attempted to steal a horse and wagon from the barn at "Hillhurst," formerly the Stearns house, owned by C. A. Holt. They forced the door of the barn, but were set upon by Mr. Holt's dogs and made a hasty retreat. Mr. Holt was awakened by the noise and from his window saw the dogs chasing some one. He went to the barn and found the door open. It is thought the Bull store burglars were desirous of procuring a team with which to carry away their plunder. Constable Livington is working on the case.

DIV. 8, A. O. H.

Has Elected Officers For the Ensuing Term.

The members of Division 8, A. O. H., the young men's division have elected the following officers: President, Michael F. Ronan; vice president, James Farrell; treasurer, Nicholas Soroghan; financial secretary, John O'Rourke, recording secretary, Patrick J. Riley; physician, Dr. T. F. Harrington; door keeper, Patrick Larner; spiritual director, Rev. Michael Ronan; sick committee, Thomas Dorsey, William H. Ronan, James Flaherin; finance committee, John J. Gaynor, Patrick Riley, William Dwyer; members to the Central council, Michael F. Ronan, John J. Gaynor, Nicholas Soroghan, John O'Rourke, Michael English.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Four more dejected or down hearted individuals could not be imagined than Councilmen George, Webster, Drowett and Hunton, Tuesday night, when the salary resolution passed and Mayor Courtney and City Solicitor Qua got a raise.

But Mr. Webster is debant still. He has hopes that City Solicitor Qua will get his walking papers. The other evening he said: "If 'Billy' Curtin is only made city solicitor and Qua gets out, I will live high for one week."

Rev. George Costello of Brooklyn and Rev. John Delaney of Portsmouth, N. H., visited their homes in this city yesterday.

Henry J. O'Dowd, the Dutton street business man, is confined to his home by illness.

The young ladies of the Carnation carnival held a meeting in the Catholic Lyceum hall, last evening, and afterwards enjoyed dancing with the members.

HORSE GOSSIP.

An old time sport and horseman from Tewksbury who had read in yesterday's Sun the article on Long Meadow came into the Sun office last night with what he was pleased to term a little bit of history. The story bears out the statement that the meadow was a great place in years gone by and it is as follows:

As far back as 36 years ago the star trotter of this vicinity was "Little Rest," a pretty fast one, as fast ones went in these days, owned by L. R. Maynard, proprietor of the Farmers and Mechanics hotel of this city long since gone the way of many other famous old hostelries. No one in these parts thought there was anything about that could beat "Little Rest," in the half mile until one fateful day Pat Moley and Charlie Flanders, two horsemen from Brighton came up here and made a match for a horse of theirs named Highland Maid against Little Rest for a goodly purse. It was in winter and Long Meadow was the mecca of the horse men having then as today a good half-mile straightaway track.

On the day of the race the Lowell sports went down to the meadow with all the money they could scrape together and they bet heavily. Moley and Flanders and a crowd of Boston sports were there and when there were Lowell men around they swore and complained at Highland Maid's poor condition, leading the guileless Lowell man to think they had a cinch and never failing to cover all Lowell money put up.

Then when the race came off Little Rest won the first heat easily and the spirits of the Lowell crowd rose above bounds, in the excitement no one noticing that Highland Maid had been "pulled" in the heat.

In the second heat Highland Maid won by a neck and then came the excitement. Everybody bet all he had and the sports were wild with excitement.

But why waste space on the rest. Highland Maid won the third heat easily and the Lowell crowd walked back to the city while Little Rest was put to work on a plough.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

Various Matters of Business Considered Last Night.

FISHER PEARSON COMPLAINS OF POLICE INTERFERENCE

At Caucuses—The Board Answers His Charge.

The police board met last evening and transacted but little business.

Winsfield S. Parker, 185 Middlesex street, was granted an auctioneer's license.

It was voted to revoke the common victualler's license of Peter Kupigian, 94 Middlesex street, he having left the city. The application of Cutting & Kearns, for a common victualler's license at 474 Merrimack street, was referred to the superintendent of police.

As Fisher H. Pearson accused certain officials of interfering in behalf of their favorites at the democratic caucuses, he sent the following letter to the board of police:

Lowell, Dec. 26.

To the Board of Police of Lowell:—

Gentlemen—I respectfully request that the police officers, if any, who are assigned to the various ward rooms tonight at the democratic caucuses, be ordered to refrain from violating the caucus laws of this commonwealth, by interfering in the proceedings of the caucuses. They should take orders only from the caucus, through its chairman, and I expect and demand that they do so. Yours, &c.,

FISHER H. PEARSON,
Chairman Democratic City Committee.

The following is the note of the Board of Police, in response to Mr. Pearson's note of suggestion:

Fisher H. Pearson, Esq., Chairman Democratic City Committee:

Dear sir:—Your communication of Dec. 28, was laid before the Board of Police this evening, the regular meeting of the body.

I am directed by the board to advise you that the officers of the Lowell police force are instructed at all times and in all places to observe and enforce the laws of this commonwealth, as far as it lies within their authority to do so. Police officers on duty at caucuses are instructed to protect property, conserve order, and prevent breaches of peace. The board presupposes the possession of common sense in its officers, and looks for the exercise of prudence and discretion on such occasion. A certain amount of noise and tumult is usually incidental among American voters in the exercise of their elective rights; and it is a principle of the franchise in this commonwealth than the voters assembled in caucus are the masters of their own acts and of their own assembly. For a police officer to meddle in the exercise of those rights, except to preserve the peace, would be an act at variance with the spirit of our laws.

Ordinarily the presiding officer of a caucus, duly chosen, would be the person to whom an officer would look in a certain sense, as the one to be supported in securing a lawful and orderly transaction of the business in hand; but a discreet and careful officer has to be assured that such chairman is regularly and properly chosen before he accepts instructions from him; and he has at all times to be certain that the requests made on his services by the chairman are not aids to factional success, nor a means of defeating the will of the majority of the voters assembled in caucus.

The board of police desires to assure you that the officers of the force will be at all times properly instructed in their duties, and that any complaint or dereliction of same will be promptly investigated.

Yours very respectfully,
JOSEPH SMITH, Clerk.

WILLIAM PENN A WINNER

HE WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

Taylor's Friends Will Support Him—Democrats Too Will Rally to Him—Taylor Says "He is a Winner"—Wants All Republicans to Stand by Him—White's Friends Are Obstinate—Ward Nine Had Three Votes in Caucus.

Unless every combination turns against him William H. Penn will be the next president of the common council

Penn's canvass is an active one; he showed strength early in the fight and has had additions to his ranks daily. Taylor, a new man from Ward 6 who was favorably considered for the place and actually announced his candidacy, will vote for Penn, and adds, "Penn will be a winner."

This was strongly impressed upon him when the faces lined up in the recent republican caucus.

White, all along regarded as the strongest republican candidate and picked for a winner, showed up the weakest. He failed to poll even the strength of his own ward, Sykes, a man from his own ward, being counted in the Penn column. Seventeen councilmen took part in the caucus, Butler Ames being the absentee. The first ballot showed 9 for Penn, 5 for Taylor and 3 for White. The next ballot held Penn's strength intact, with 6 for Taylor and 2 for White.

Taylor seeing the drift of affairs wanted Penn's candidacy endorsed unanimously.

White's friends objected and the caucuses ended abruptly. There will not be another. Taylor's action indicated his fairness of mind—beaten in caucus he is ready to stand by his party and use his influence for Penn's election.

I know of three democrats, too, who have registered under the Penn standard, and will not be forgotten when committee appointments are made.

A majority of the democrats favor standing by Councilman Miskella for a few ballots, but the consent of all cannot be obtained to this proposition because some had pledged themselves to Penn before they were acquainted with the procedure suggested by the other democrats.

Miantonomo Tribe Election.

Miantonomo tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, elected the following officers at its meeting Monday evening, the three last named for one year, the others for six months:

Prophet, L. T. Moody; sachem, George O. Spaulding; senior sagamore, F. L. Fletcher; junior sagamore, Hugh F. Fletcher; trustee for three years, Waldo Sargent; chief of records, Allan Dodge; keeper of wampum, J. F. Choate; collector of wampum, D. A. McFadgen.

Sarsaparilla

Is the original Sarsaparilla, the standard of the world. Others have imitated the remedy. They can't imitate the record:

50 Years of Cures

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Cholera has reappeared in Hong Kong.

The czar is opposed to active coercion in Turkey.

The Columbia National bank, Minneapolis, closed.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky intends to resign soon.

Hon. Edward Avery died at his residence in Boston.

The American Historical society convened in New York.

The wool business in Australia is reported greatly depressed.

Funeral services of Wyzeman Marshall were held at Boston.

William M. and John S. Van Nortwick assigned at Chicago.

Reasnant & Wagner, merchants at Hollidaysburg, Pa., failed.

The Commercial National bank of Roanoke, Va., closed its doors.

Another highbinders' war has begun in Chinatown, San Francisco.

Sir James Grant declares that Queen Victoria is not in her dotage.

The American Tobacco company is getting into serious trouble in Canada.

Secretary Carlisle may be the next United States senator from Kentucky.

Isaac Zucker of Union Hill, N. J., sentenced to 36 years' imprisonment for incendiarism.

The New York aldermanic committee seems serious in its efforts in behalf of municipal ownership of gas works.

The 2-year-old son of Joseph Lemieux died at Westbrook, Me., from the effects of drinking a quantity of washing solution.

Frederick Freeman's house at Halifax Mass., was entered by thieves, who carried away $300 worth of clothing and silverware.

An attachment for $10,000, the second within two weeks, was placed on the Phoenix woolen mill property at East Greenwich, R. I.

The Medfield (Mass.) postmaster is said to be in charge of a postoffice inspector on the charge of converting government property to his own use.

Massachusetts is growing in population and property according to the secretary of state's 28th annual abstract of polls, property, taxes, etc.

Lansing W. Bancker, who enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest living clown, except Dan Rice, died at the Philadelphia almshouse. He was about 75 years old.

Special dispatches from Paris report that an American named Jurgen, who was formerly manager of the Eden Musee in New York, and who was well known in Paris theatrical circles, has committed suicide at his residence in the Champs Elysee.

The covenant, as well as the annual meeting, the first of its nature, of the Baptist churches of Coos county, N. H., was held at Whitefield yesterday. The sessions were of a business character, and in the evening the delegates were entertained at supper.

Several Massachusetts capitalists have purchased the franchise of the Kittery (Me.), Kittery Point and York Beach Electric Railroad company, and the work of construction will be commenced at once. An attempt is being made to acquire possession of the Portsmouth electric railroad franchise.

McKinley's Guard of Honor.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—When Major McKinley takes the oath of office on March 4 his personal escort will be formed of the Chicago Hussars squadron and the Cleveland Grays, Cleveland's crack organization. This matter was considered early by President-elect McKinley. Each of these bodies offered its escort. Finally the Grays were selected. The Grays deliberated and then decided it would be the nice thing to invite the Hussars to share the duty with them. All the members of the escort will be mounted on black horses, and they count on making an effective display. The Hussars will stop over the way home at New York for one day, and perhaps give a fancy drill.

Railway Company Wins.

Decatur, Ills., Dec. 30.—Judge Edward P. Vaill yesterday gave his decision in quo warranto proceedings of the people of the state of Illinois against the Decatur and Eastern Railway company, otherwise Indianapolis, Decatur and Western. The judge decided for the defendant company, thus confirming it in the ownership of property worth nearly $3,000,000. It was set up that the company now was not legally incorporated, that it had usurped its franchises, that the Decatur and Eastern had been unlawfully consolidated with the Decatur and Indiana.

Bath's Social Sensation.

Bath, Me., Dec. 30.—This city is stirred up by a sensational scandal in high social circles. The story which is being circulated concerns John O. Patten, a wealthy and prominent citizen, and the pretty wife of Dr. Percy W. Roberts, and the case will probably go to the divorce court. It was about three years ago that Dr. Roberts and his wife came to Bath from Massachusetts. Mrs. Roberts' folks live in Newton, in that state. Dr. Roberts is about 35 years of age, and prepossessing, and is a homoeopathic physician, having an extensive practice among the very best people of the city. Mrs. Roberts is pretty, fascinating and clever. Mrs. Roberts is said to be in Newton and Patten is thought to be in Boston.

Kate Field's Ashes.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Kate Field's ashes is speeding eastward in charge of General Charles H. Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe. The remains of the celebrated woman litterateur, editor and journalist, are encased and locked in a small cylindrical jar of polished copper. There is no inscription on the shining surface of the improvised urn.

Pledged to Kimball.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Friends of James W. Kimball of Lynn, candidate for clerk of the house of representatives, have the signatures of 91 Republican members of the next house to a paper pledging them to his candidacy.

Dr. Harwood Dying.

New Haven, Dec. 30.—Rev. Dr. Edwin Harwood, rector emeritus of Trinity church, who lies unconscious at his residence here, is sinking hourly, and his death is expected at any moment.

Benedict: "I tell you I have the boss wife, old man."
Henpeck: "My wife's a boss wife too."

Thoroughbred Cattle Infected.

Portland, Me., Dec. 30.—The Maine cattle commissioners met yesterday at Westbrook and investigated the condition of the lungs of Mr. Libby's valuable herd of thoroughbred cattle, reported to be affected with tuberculosis. The committee decided to kill 40 out of the 50 animals, but they will not be slaughtered until after Thursday. The state will reimburse Mr. Libby for the animals killed.

Maine Reports Received.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 30.—The governor and council were in session at the state house yesterday afternoon. The annual reports were received from the reform school, state prison and the land agent. Considerable business other than the routine work was transacted. The session adjourned to meet this morning, at which time other reports and one pardon hearing will be brought up.

Inventor Graves Dead.

Townsend Center, N. H., Dec. 30. — John B. Graves, the inventor of the feather edging machine for shoes, died yesterday, aged 80 years. He had quite a reputation as a machinist in his young days. He resided nearly his whole life at Marblehead, Mass., and served through the war as an officer of the Fourth Massachusetts Heavy artillery. He leaves a large family.

An Indiscreet Official.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen last night Mayor Field removed Registrar of Voters C. B. Davis from office, and his action was confirmed. The cause of the removal was an indiscreet letter written by Davis to Mayor Field during the recent municipal campaign.

Hartford Yale Alumni.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Hartford Yale Alumni association was held last night, and Charles E. Goss was chosen president, Harrison B. Freeman, vice president, and Charles P. Cooley, secretary and treasurer. The date of the annual alumni banquet will be decided later.

Attempted Train Wreck.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 30.—Two large pieces of iron were found to have been wedged between rail ends of the Portland and Rumford Falls railroad Monday afternoon after a train had crossed near a deep ravine at Buckfield. The engineer, feeling the jar, stopped the train.

The Ice Was Thin.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—Nellie Durll, aged 15, daughter of Alex Durll, Harbison avenue, was drowned in the Connecticut river yesterday afternoon. She skated on thin ice and went through and was immediately swept under the ice. Her body has not been recovered.

Letter Box Thief.

Boston, Dec. 30.—John Cooper, 68 years old, claiming to live in New York, was arrested last night on a charge of breaking open a letter box. Upon being searched, seven packages of letters were found upon him. The United States postal officials were notified.

Colonel Waring at Newport.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 30.—Colonel G. E. Waring, Jr., street cleaning commissioner of New York city, spoke before the Business Men's association here last night on his work and the difficulties he had to overcome to bring about political reform. He said among other things that if Tammany hall should again get into power it would not dare to interfere with his department. He further said that all departments in all cities should be run in the same manner to make municipal government a success.

New Counterfeits.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Chief Hazen of the secret service has issued a circular warning against a new counterfeit $10 national bank note on the Union National bank of Detroit. The note is the product of the same hand that produced the recent counterfeit on the National Bank of Commerce of New York. One distinguishing feature is that the back of the note is upside down.

Cadets at Inauguration.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lamont has issued the usual order to the superintendent of the military academy to have the entire corps of cadets proceed from West Point to Washington at the proper time to participate in the inaugural ceremonies of the president-elect.

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When we see it ourselves.
When our own ears hear it.
When our neighbors tell it.
Our friends endorse it.
No better evidence can be had.
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Or distant mutterings from California.
No deceiving echoes here.
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Home testimony at the back of every box of Doan's Kidney Pills.
Can you believe your neighbors?
Read this statement made by a citizen:
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Remember the name, Doan's and take no other.

TARIFF HEARINGS.

Now Commenced at Washington—Tiresome Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Yesterday's meeting of the ways and means committee was devoted to the consideration of silk and cotton schedules. A. T. Sanford of Fall River, Mass., representing the Cotton Yarn Spinners' association, presented a long written statement, and was questioned. He complained of ad valorem duties, which permit undervaluation in invoices. Simeon B. Chase, also of Fall River, appeared on behalf of cotton cloth makers. He said those he represented did not ask for an increase in duty, but the maker of finer grades of cloth are not sufficiently protected. R. C. Hovey of New York appeared for the Textile Manufacturers' association, and argued for a return to specific duties. He asserted that honest manufacturers are at the mercy of dishonest importers. The sugar schedule will be taken up today.

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Every housekeeper in Lowell and within 25 miles of Lowell will be interested in our offerings Friday. Watch the papers. It will pay you.
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A letter to be published Friday will tell of a purchase at 25c. on the dollar of a stock of merchandise from a prominent Lowell firm. Watch the papers. Read the letter.
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Every horse owner in Lowell will find something interesting in Friday's happenings at our store. Watch the papers.
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Manufacturers and jobbers have sought us the past ten days to exchange our cash for their stocks at a tremendous sacrifice to them. Friday's papers will tell the story.
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Sorting and rearranging a stock bought at 25c. on the dollar means a lot of work, but we are equal to the occasion and will be ready Friday. Watch the papers for particulars.
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A concern with cash in hand to buy goods at any time has a great advantage over those seeking long dating on their bills, but in these days of depression cash buyers have a double advantage, we will prove it Friday. At 8.30 Friday morning we'll be ready for you. Watch the papers Friday.
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WOOD'S BARGAINS
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WOOD'S BARGAINS

Small Choice Lots of Christmas Umbrellas

In Dresden Handles, Silver Trimmed. Also some with Gold and Silver Knobs and Congo Handles. Will be sold at this Great Clearance Sale for about

HALF PRICE

There are many choice articles in our immense stock we do not care to carry over, and they will be closed out at prices that will astonish you.

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THE LOWELL SUN

19TH YEAR. LOWELL, MASS., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1896. ONE CENT.

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The Sun is the only evening penny paper in Lowell printing Telegraphic News.

PRES. LITLE

Issues A Statement From His Standpoint on the Strike.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The West End Street Railroad Co. today issued a statement to the public regarding the strike and explaining the situation from the company's standpoint.

The council is charged with having broken faith with the company and being an irresponsible body.

TOMMY HILL'S CATCH.

He Spurts 100 Yards and Arrests an Overcoat Thief.

Thomas Hill, the genial proprietor of the Waverly house, rendered the police a good turn and at the same time fixed himself all right for the winter last night. Patrick Flanagan, a rather disreputable individual, entered the house and asked for a cold bottle and he got a cold frost and an invitation to get out. He got out but returned when Tommy's back was turned and grabbing the latter's new winter overcoat, and no Collinsville one at that, started out with Tommy after him. Now Tommy has been training with Dick Lynch and a few more of the sprinters and in a few minutes he had Mr. Flanagan by the neck. When Flanagan was brought to the police station it was found that he was the man whom the inspectors had been looking for as he went into Charlie Kimball's store yesterday afternoon and appropriated another overcoat, evidently thinking that as Charlie was an overseer of the poor the city might settle for all overcoats taken by the poor.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Philedians of Waltham were entertained by Les Miserables last evening. A match game was played and the Lowell boys won, 2482 to 2373.

DEATHS.

SULLIVAN—Margaret Sullivan, aged 20 years, died last evening at her home, 89 Jefferson street. Funeral at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

MURPHY—Mrs. Margaret Murphy, aged 28 years, 9 months, wife of John Murphy of North street, died Monday night at the city hospital.

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Another Man Made Happy.

Mr. Alfred Thifoult, of 27 Daley street, Lowell, who had unsuccessfully doctored for a long time for tape worm, has at last been permanently relieved of his trouble. The Mexican Tape Worm remedy has done the work and removed the worm with head successfully. Mr. Thifoult says he has not felt so happy for years. Call at the office of the company, 32 Central street and get a few samples of Zyno, the great blood tonic. All aches and pains are cured free of charge.

The Sanborn Boys.

The Sanborn boys, who were suddenly attacked with insanity in Billerica last week, show no signs of immediate improvement and are still confined at the Worcester asylum.

The case of the younger brother, Edgar, is not so serious as that of Frank, and it is expected that he will be fully recovered in a few weeks.

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CHARACTER AND AMBITION

Able Address by Joseph Smith Before the Mathews.

Some Practical Advice to Young Men for Bettering Their Condition—Ambition is the Impulse That Leads to Greatness—The Election of Officers.

Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board, gave a practical talk to the members of the Mathew Temperance Institute last night. Two hundred and fifty young men listened to him and were loud in their praise of the speaker and expressed their gratitude for his valuable advice contained in his paper, by extending to him a rising vote of thanks. Mr. Smith talked on "Character and Ambition," and treated his subject in a thorough manner. His style was sharp, catchy and altogether pleasing.

Seated on the platform with Mr. Smith were Rev. Fr. McManus, James O'Sullivan, E. F. Slattery and A. A. Conway.

President Burns called to order and introduced Mr. Slattery as presiding officer. The program was as follows: Piano solo, William McAleon; selections by the Weber quartet, consisting of Michael Gorman, Michael Nestor, John A. McKenna and John McAleon; vocal solos, Cornelius Hickey, Michael Gorman, Daniel S. O'Brien, John J. Murray, William Toomey and John Drury; recitations, John J. Gallagher, J. A. McKenna, Dennis Donohue.

The M. T. I. glee club sang "Snow Bell," and "Christmas Chimes."

There were remarks also by Rev. Fr. McManus, James O'Sullivan, A. A. Conway and John J. Lonergan.

The session closed with the singing of "America."

Mr. Smith's Address.

Mr. Smith's treatment of this theme was strong, pointed and practical. It was highly appreciated by the audience and the speaker was congratulated at the close. He said in substance:

Character without ambition, is like an engine without steam, an electric wire without the living stream—a lifeless thing. Ambition has frequently been berated and condemned, yet such condemnation can be applied to the misuse of any of our powers. We use the gifts of God well or ill, and it is that usage that is good or bad, not the thing itself.

Ambition is the inner stimulus that impels humanity along the road to progress; it is the feeling in man's heart whose

Motto is Excelsior

It is the quality that has raised man from the cave dweller to the being of the 19th century, that has lifted him from the grass to the stars.

A worthy ambition is the lever that lifts all men up. Aspiration to be above the lot in life we are placed in is an honorable and glorious thing, and to say that a man should be content to live in the station in which circumstances have placed him, is to fly in the face of Providence and to try to annul his universal law.

Progress upward and onward, achievement added to achievement, this is the law of God and nature.

The man who, born in some position in life, is content to say, "Here God placed me and here must I remain," is disobeying God's law, which demands that he shall make the most of his talents and account for them.

The better a man makes himself the more useful he is to the community in which he lives, the better he does God's work. Had every man followed the fatalistic, ambitionless plan of accepting the fate he was born into and living duly along its lines from the cradle to the grave, we should still be savage men, dressed in the skins of wild beasts and seeking shelter from the elements in thicket and cave. Ambition is an honorable

Discontent With Fortune

and a determination to wring more and better things from life than we have. In some lands, the government, laws and religion are made to preserve rigidly existing customs and institutions, and by the perservation of a system of places, station and castes keep all the good things of life for a few and all the amenities of the world for the many.

Europe is only now breaking away from the thrall of the feudal system; we were emancipated on that day when the slopes of Bunker Hill were dyed with British blood. The world of heroabouts was thrown open to all, for the underlying principle of the republic is this: "Let the best man win." And the best man is he who is determined to use all his God-given faculties to the best advantage and who has the ambition to see a long space between where he starts in life and where he finishes.

Now, how does this apply to you?

Every young man here has advantages and disadvantages at the outset of life. I take it that you are all workingmen and the children of workingmen; but you start without many of the handicaps of your fathers. Many of them were without the educational advantages you possess, but they toiled and sweated with this splendid ambition, that their children should go into the battle of life better equipped than they. Their progress was not great, though their honest ambition was and in you they look to see the reward of their toils.

You have associated yourselves with this body for the purpose of leading temperate lives.

When a man confines himself to non-alcoholic beverages he does a wise thing, but he has neither acquired the wings of an angel nor done more than this—put his foot on the side of the mountain he intends to climb. He has secured for himself a clear head, a cool brain with which to think and plan. He has cut off a habit which is expensive to one receiving a day's pay; he has learned the

First Principles of Prudence

and economy and is enabled to create a campaign fund for the operations of his well directed ambition. Besides these advantages is the other one, the preference given all else being equal, to a sober man over a drinking one.

You work in shops, factories and yards and too often are content to be mere hewers of wood and drawers of water doing the work that is purely physical—that any human animal can do— without a chance to use a clear, cool head. Are you content to do this? Are you satisfied? Have you no ambition to be something more than this?

I am quite well aware of the fact that handicaps exist for such as you, that are a discredit only to those whose little souls use them. You can all learn why you don't advance and why some man of less ability and fitness is promoted over you. When you find these conditions leave the place. The land is wide and the opportunities are many. There is no law that makes you a chattel of a mill or shop. You should bide your time, look for an opening outside of these hideous, red brick factories, and get out of them. If you have a little money saved, put it with some other man's savings and embark upon

An Enterprise of Your Own.

You may fail; but your experience is not wasted. You have learned to stand alone; you have known what it is to possess your own soul and be your own master. You are win or fail—in a position to start anew on a higher level in the world than the mill; you have shown others that you have the courage and the ability to do business and the shrewd business man is wanting such.

To attain wealth that we may bring comfort and enlightenment to those we love, and that our capicity for good may be increased is an honorable and laudable ambition. To attain wealth for wealth's sake, to gain it at any hazard, to achieve it at the expense of your own honor and the plunder of your fellows, is base and unworthy. To bow before the possessor of wealth because of his wealth, is contemptible and unworthy of a free man.

Wealth ennobles a man only as he makes noble use of it and such only are entitled to respect and honor. The poor man possesses a free soul and as he keeps that soul white and his hands clean from dishonor, so does he stand the peer of any. When he

Sells Himself for Money

he is no longer worthy of any man's respect, and he must expect the contempt of honest men.

Do not be content to plod through life at the foot of the social system. Get out of the mill unless you get up in it. Church, state, law and commerce are fields to conquer for him who has the courage to march to the battle. Acknowledge no man your superior who has not proven it by deed or accomplishment. Let your aim be high and your effort persistent. In the world political do your duty and do it fearlessly, working for the best interests of this community. Keep away from small and disreputable politics; it is more contaminating than vice; if you are elected to any public office do your duty honestly and fearlessly; the man who abuse you will fear you, for the rogue hates an honest man more than he does a police officer. Above all things keep your hands clean, the bribe-taker is

Lower Than the Thief,

the dying robber on the cross was forgiven by the Crucified One; Judas and his thirty pieces of silver have earned immortal infamy.

Your fathers who landed here poor almost to misery, illiterate because the law denied them education, yet had brave hearts, clean minds, stout arms, the courage of a race of soldiers and the determination to win a home and a place for themselves and their children. Look back at the Irish of the forties and their children of today and tell me do you appreciate the sacrifices and sufferings of them and are you doing anything to compensate them for those hard days? It does not avail anything so meet together and tell what a fine people we are, to have some glib fellow stand up and sing our praises; work, not words, is what counts. Ask yourselves, each and everyone, how much higher am I than my father; what have I done with my advantages, equal to his accomplishment with all his handicaps? He had his faults and his failings because he was human; but all that was good in him and her was given to you, all their hopes were centered in you.

In all sober truth, only the few can rise to eminence, but every man can achieve

Honor and Independence.

It is not after all what we accomplish, but what we try to accomplish that makes the man. If you wish to hit the bull's eye, you must aim above it. An honorable name, a reputation for high character and noble purpose counts for more even in this world than money. Jay Gould lived rich and died dishonored, and is almost forgotten, or, when remembered it is only to decry him.

Homer begged his bread in seven cities; Goldsmith was buried by his friends; Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy, Emmett murdered and beheaded as a rebel, yet these men are immortal while the princes and potentates of their day are lost, forgotten or mentioned merely as a period. Why is this so? It is because the divine element in man is eternal, the human perishable; because what a man makes of himself, is of vastly more importance than what he makes for himself; it is because character and honor are what make the man.

Gifts and attributes are unevenly distributed; some may be officers, others will march in the ranks; but the honor of all is equal. He who should lead should not be led; the man who can be useful in church and state should not be satisfied to be part of the insensate machinery turned by a turbine wheel. Shake off your lethargy in the coming year; you can be somebody if you will; the man who sits down and merely talks of work sees the sun go down on his idleness. Be up and doing. If you can't move on the express, go on the freight, or a wagon, or walk, but move.

The chances in Lowell are not as numerous as they are elsewhere—but neither are the competitors for the chances. If you swim in the waters here you can swim in deep seas. The same qualities count everywhere the same; it is merely the opportunity that is more imminent elsewhere and the scope that is wider.

But of all things, make your ambition honorable, high, worthy; do nothing that you have to blush for or that will make your old father and mother hang their heads. Don't be content to be a mere blade of grass in the field; rather be the oak in the forest. Aim high, work hard, scorn dishonesty, hate wrong and

Face Disaster and Discouragement

bravely and you will come out of the struggle with a commission. Your race has as much brains, good blood, grand traditions, noble achievements, as any in the world.

Try and live up to your ancestors and the world will and must respect you—and victory will come to you.

Officers Elected.

At the business meeting of the institute the following officers were elected:

President, John Burns; vice president, John J. Gallagher; spiritual director, Rev. Thomas McManus; secretary, John J. Findar; financial secretary, Patrick F. Nestor; treasurer, Daniel Desmond; marshal, Peter Brady; trustees, John Lynch, William Welch; board of examiners, James Gorman, Thomas Tobin; literary committee, Michael Nestor, John Cryan, William J. Smith.

The third member of the literary committee and the board of trustees will be chosen at the next meeting.

President-elect Burns of the Mathews, ranks among the older members of the institue and is a most interested worker in behalf of the principles of the organization. His first administration has been

JOHN BURNS,

Re-Elected President of the Mathews.

one of the most successful periods in the history of the organization and he will enter upon his second term with prospects indicating even far better conditions and results. He is a young man in years but an old one in the cause.

He is overseer in the Lowell Manufacturing company and resides in Davidson street.

The Burkes Elect Officers.

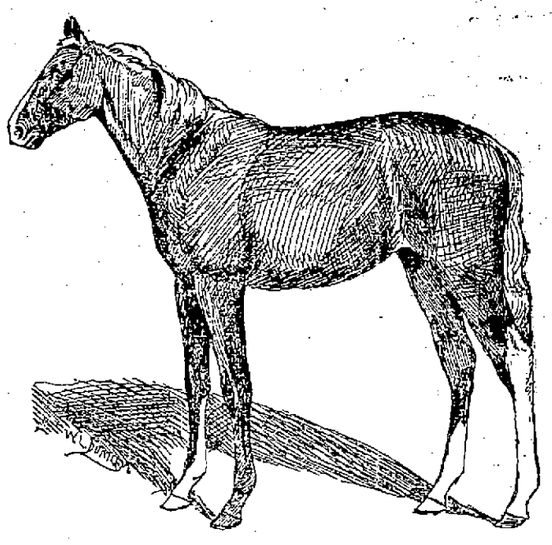
The Burke Temperance institute elected the following officers at a well attended meeting last night: President, Frank Clark; vice president, James Dacey; recording secretary, Richard J. Taylor;

T. FRANK CLARK.

Newly Elected President of the Burkes.

financial secretary, John Cox; treasurer, Frank O'Neil; trustees, Michael Markham, John Winn, Terrence Redmond; literary committee, John McMahon, Eugene Flynn, Edward Lowney; board of examiners, John Coughlin, Edward Healey, Peter Reagan. The election of building directors was postponed to the next meeting.

Next Sunday a debating club will be organized.



A ROYAL BABY.

The Sun artist had a very pleasant visit to the great Hood farm yesterday and was kindly shown about the horse department by Mr. Walker, who trains for the establishment. While there he made the accompanying sketch of a six-months-old "Royal Baby." She is a pretty chestnut filly, with light mane and tail and has very peculiar white markings, as the cut shows. She was harnessed yesterday for the first time and the speed she showed at the pacing gait was marvellous. This valuable filly will go fast some day if blood lines tell, for she is by Mr. Hood's great horse Vassar, 2.07, and her dam is the great Star Lilly, 2.20, who swept through the grand circuit a few years ago and won $15,000. Vassar is destined to be one of the foremost speed producers in the country.

T. Frank Clark, the newly elected president, has been a member of the Burkes since their organization. More than that, he has held about every office in the society, which is a mark of the confidence the members have in him. He is a Lowell boy, a graduate of the old Moody school and is employed by E.D. Shattuck. He resides at 33 Davidson street.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

John Regan of this city, a well known boxer, fought a three round draw with Patsey Haley of Buffalo, at Danielson, Conn., last night.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Four drunks.

Mary Kane received four months in jail and Edward Allen four in the workhouse.

Got Eight Months.

When Flanagan was called for larceny he said "I suppose it must be so if you say so."

"Where's your home?" asked the court.

"I have no home in particular."

"Well, have you a home in general?"

"Yes, I have an uncle in Nashua."

Flanagan only arrived here from Clinton yesterday and he'll stay here for eight months during which time he will be in jail.

Mr. Hamblett's Paper.

Before the Good Citizens' club last night M. L. Hamblett, Esq., read a very instructive paper on "The Supreme Court of the United States."

Broke Her Arm.

Mrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick, residing at 43 Maple street, slipped and fell in her yard yesterday afternoon and broke an arm. Dr. Ricker set the fracture.

Marriage Intentions.

The following intentions were recorded at the city clerk's office today: John J. Lacey 23, to Nellie F. Keefe, Billerica 20; Alfred Tucker 26, to Louise Lemoine 18.

Four Score Years.

Mr. Edward Hartshorn of the employ of A. G. Pollard & Co., observed his 80th birthday on Monday, and as a result of his 31 years of faithful service in the store the firm presented him a check for $100. Mr. Hartshorn received this in the afternoon, and in the evening several of the employes of the store, presented him a beautiful reclining chair.

Mr. Justin H. Kimball made the presentation, and the gathering dispersed with three cheers and a tiger for Mr. Hartshorn.

MUFFLERS

Half Price Half Price Half Price Half Price Half Price ON MUFFLERS AT Fashion Corner.

Our Christmas sale of Mufflers—and for that matter our entire line of Xmas goods was phenomenal—and now comes our offer from Messrs. _____ of New York, to accept a choice lot of $2 Mufflers that were made up too late to be shipped at Xmas—at just half price.

Two Dollar $1.00 MUFFLERS

We grasped the opportunity and offer you this choice lot at just

HALF PRICE

while they last.

When you see them you will readily recognize that they are choice $2.00 patterns.

MERRIMACK Fashion Corner Cop. City Hall CLOTH'G CO.

BOTH LEGS BROKEN.

John Proulx Fell at St. Peter's Church This Morning.

There was a very bad accident at the new St. Peter's church this morning.

John Proulx is one of the workmen employed on interior work in the church, and this morning he fell from the staging to the floor below, a distance of about 30 feet.

Both of his legs were broken near the ankles. He was taken to St. John's hospital and it is not known yet whether or not the legs will have to be amputated. He resides at Riverside park.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

W. A. Hemingway's keg factory, East Pearl street, New Haven, burned this morning. Loss about $40,000.

A fire in the jewelry store of William B. Starr, in New York this morning, did $30,000 damage.

Frank Hart, the negro pedestrian, led in six days' heel and toe walking match at Natatorium in St. Louis at the end of the first day's trip. He made 76 miles, 9 laps. John Oddy, an Englishman, was a close second.

The fourteenth game Lasker-Steinitz chess match, begun Monday, concluded this morning at Moscow after eighty moves by Lasker. The present score is Lasker 8, Steinitz 2, drawn 4.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

DUPUIS—The funeral of Frank Dupuis, who was killed by an explosion of dynamite in West Billerica, last Saturday, took place yesterday. Service was held at St. Jean Baptiste church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Joseph Paquette, M. Masse, John and George Miller. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

MORSE—Isaac S. Morse of Cambridge, for 18 years district attorney of Middlesex county, and one of the best known criminal lawyers in the state, was buried in the family lot at the Lowell cemetery Monday afternoon, after a service in the Talbot Memorial chapel, conducted by Rev. Charles T. Billings of the Unitarian church. The bearers were: Moyor W. F. Courtney, Judge S. P. Hadley, W. H. Anderson and Walter Coburn.

GRIMES—The funeral of James Grimes took place this morning from his parents' home in High street and was well attended. The remains were sent to Canton, Mass., by Undertaker O'Donnell for interment.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

In Honor of Mr. Higgins of West Virginia.

A very pleasant sociable was enjoyed at the home of ex-Councilman Gormley, at 27 Lyon street last evening in honor of Mr. Bernard J. Higgins, a visiting relative from Clarksburg, West Va. The evening was spent in singing, dancing, and social pleasantries.

Among those who contributed to the musical program were John A. Kelley, James H. Daly, John Deylin, Joseph Tuttle, Edward Enright, George Flynn, Miss Nellie Hatton, Miss Griffin, Miss Alice Ryan and Miss Blanchard. Miss Gormley presided very acceptably at the piano. Refreshments were served and at parting Mr. Higgins received a kind invitation to visit Lowell soon again.

Ninetieth Birthday.

Mr. Samuel Horn, whose ninetieth birthday occurs next Thursday, Dec. 31, will be glad to meet all his friends on that day at his home, 98 Smith street. There will be an informal reception from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hogmanay.

The members of the Caledonian and Ladies' Thistle club will have a social meeting in Caledonian hall, 243 Central street, at 7.45, Thursday evening. Refreshments will be served.

Wood's Big Special Sale.

Geo. Woods has started a big special sale this week. Do you want a gold or silver watch or a good thing for a rainy day. An umbrella or a hundred and one things suitable for a New Year's present? If so be sure and call at Woods', jewelry store. See his big ad in this paper.

THE SUN EXTRA 5 O'CLOCK

VESSEL CLEARED

For Cuba With Munitions of War.

GOVERNMENT ALLOWS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO ACT.

The First Case Since the War Began.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Dec. 30.—For the first time since present trouble in Cuba began, this government has given permission to the custom officials to clear for Cuba a vessel loaded, according to her manifesto, with munitions of war, presumably intended for insurgents' army. The vessel in question is a well known alleged filibuster "The Dauntless." The concession, however, makes the situation for the ship quite as involved as ever, as according to law both shippers and consigners of cargo must state under oath what port the cargo is to be landed. The penalty for a violation includes the confiscation of the vessel. The port named in application is occupied by Spanish troops. Treasury officials, are, therefore, of the opinion that the required oaths will not be taken.

THE BRAM TRIAL.

Case Will Probably Go to the Jury Tomorrow—Today's Session.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 30.—From present appearances the Herbert Fuller murder case will not be given to the jury until late tomorrow or possibly not until Friday.

The defence has finished its case, and today the last evidence, testimony by expert navigators, goes in.

The government contends that the Fuller's wheel could not have been lashed so that the vessel would have kept her course.

The defense claims that Brown, principal government witness, could have left the wheel long enough to have committed the murders.

Woman Killed Today.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 30—Miss Fanny Naugher, aged 25 years, was struck by a train at Winter Hill this morning and fatally injured.

Prominent Character Dead.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Somerville, Dec. 30—Levi H. Wyman, founder of the famous sandwich depots bearing his name, died at his home here, this morning, aged 65 years.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

O'Flarity's vacation offered lots of fun and frolic to a large audience at Music Hall last night.

A woman took a fit of laughter and was frowned at for a while, but soon the audience joined in and everybody laughed at the comical situations, the wit of Fox and the jollity of his pal, Gibbons.

As O'Flarity and Jerry Casey, both make a great team. After registering at a hotel as Lord Hammerstein and the Duke De Kaklak they disguise themselves in their wives' attire and register in their wives' names. To escape detection they doff their disguise and reappear in picked up garb, one as a fisherman, the other as a bicycle rider, convulsing the audience with their jests and comicalities.

Harry O. Hayes as the culled man and again as Henry Wildwave, performs some great feats of kicking and dancing. He can kick two balls four feet apart and 16 feet high at the same time.

Miss Krouse is a cultured vocalist, while the soubrette, Katie Allen Fox is always vivacious and graceful.

The illustrated songs at the close formed a popular feature, and altogether the performance is one that everybody must enjoy so full is it of delicious fun, wit, humor, good songs, and fine portrayal of Irish mirth.

Joe F. Bickford is to read a poem to the Music hall audience tonight after the performance of O'Flarity's Vacation.

O'Hooligan's Wedding is the title of a rip-roaring farce comedy, which has scored a big hit throughout the country and which is billed to appear at Music hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The Savoy.

The matinees at the Savoy are a source of congratulation to Mr. Weston as they are uniformly larger than matinees ever have been in this city and show the great popularity that this theatre has attained among the feminine patrons of plays. To-night at 8 another performance will be given. Tomorrow night occurs the 100th performance of the stock company, something almost unheard of in Lowell and the occasion will be marked with suitable souvenirs. This is in addition to the regular Friday evening souvenir performance when an autograph photograph of Mr. Charles Fleming will be presented to the ladies. The play has proved to be the best of the Savoy's excellent productions, as is attested by the fact of Mr. Weston's being obliged to play it a second week, and Lowell theatre goers should patronize this theatre, as much as possible.

LOST—In this city, a coupon receipt book belonging to the Singer Mfg. Co. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at 187 Middlesex street.

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LOCAL NOTES.

See locals on page 3.

There will be no session of the evening schools Friday night.

Members of Post 120, G. A. R., held a whist party last evening.

The members-elect of the city council will meet tomorrow evening to draw lots for seats next year.

Manager P. F. Sullivan of the street railroad and Thomas Costello have returned from their European trip.

The Village Improvement association of Chelmsford met last evening and voted to continue the organization on its present lines.

Miss Crawford Burnham of this city read a paper on "Dante" at the regular meeting of the Women's Educational club yesterday.

Sheriff Cushing yesterday appointed John R. Fairbairn special sheriff of Middlesex county, and he was immediately sworn in.

Miss C. H. Holgate entertained a few of her friends at her home on Moore street, last evening in honor of Miss Blanche A. Dam of Boston.

Last night the dispensary committee met and voted to have a new ambulance built by the Sawyer Carriage company at a cost of about $600.

It is reported that petitions will be presented for a recount of votes cast at the Wards Two and Five caucus for members of the democratic city committee.

Miss Fannie Plunkett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Plunkett, was formally introduced to society last evening and was given a reception at her parent's home on Worthen street.

The post office department has received an inquiry for Frank Cawell, son of John Cawell, and if he is in this city and will ask for Mr. J. A. Richardson, assistant postmaster, he will receive news of value to him.

A Happy Reunion.

Albert A. Hart, formerly of Chemsford, now of New York, returned to his son's home on Christmas day after an absence of 24 years.

Fractured Her Hip.

Melinda Gleddy, a middle aged woman, slipped on the ice on Broadway yesterday and fractured a hip. She was taken to her home in the ambulance and subsequently removed to the corporation hospital.

This Morning's Fire.

An alarm from box 42 at 4 o'clock this morning was occasioned by a slight blaze in the cellar of McLarney's store on Middlesex street.

Match Pool Game.

The second game in the series of pool games between Mike Mitchell and Jack Leary against Joseph Balloon and John Vernon was played last night at the Middlesex street rooms.

The concluding game will be played tomorrow night at the Music hall rooms.

An entire family was suffocated by gas in New York today. Two boys are dead.

There will be a race between horses owned by French residents on the river track, Friday for suitable prizes. A large number of entries have been received.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Protect your family and yourself against future want. Deposit in the Savings Department of the Traders' National Bank on or before January 2d (Saturday), at 9 p. m. Receive interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum commencing January 1st, and compounding twice each year. Savings Department open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m. Banking Rooms cor. Middlesex street and Postoffice avenue.

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THE SUN IS

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The New York Sun is now the accredited organ of Boss Platt. If there was an asylum for insane newspapers, the New York Sun would take precedence as the most pronounced case.

There was great alarm over the tie-up of cars in Boston; but for years past anybody who was in a hurry had to walk as the cars seemed to be permanently tied up or jammed up on all principal streets.

The Haverhill Gazette says Congressman Moody is holding aloof from the post office fight in Haverhill. He may, but nevertheless it will not be settled contrary to his wishes. He has but to say the word.

Some republican papers sneer because Mr. Bryan does not like the lecture platform. A lecture is not an oration, and as Bryan is an orator it is, no doubt, difficult for him to restrain his impulses to the cold, stern, conventional style of the lecture platform.

Senator Howard is back from the South and says he can organize the operatives there as well as they are organized here. Mr. Howard can organize the unions and at the same time retain the good graces of their employers, a most difficult thing to do. It is hard to serve two masters whose interests usually run in opposite directions on such matters. But Howard is a success in that particular kind of organizing.

Clerk Sleeper of the house is out for a re-election and his chief opponent seems to be Mr. Kimball, his first assistant who is credited with having done all the work as Sleeper only holds the office and draws the salary. This is the amount of his qualification. He says if re-elected, he will reappoint Kimball which is but a strategetic move in a hopeless extremity. Mr. Sleeper is the A. P. A. candidate for whom McLaughlin was ousted last year.

The business men of Lynn have subscribed $10,000 to foster new industries and induce the present ones to remain in the city. The money was raised at the meeting of the board of trade Tuesday evening. —Newport News.

Here is a lesson for our Lowell board of trade in its everlasting irrepressible tendency to ceaseless talk, talk, only talk—merely that and nothing more. With a board of trade that would show the spirit and enterprise displayed by the Lynn board, Lowell would prosper despite every drawback.

McKINLEY'S ANCESTRY.

The latest revelation of American lineage traced to its origin proves William McKinley to be descended from one of the Irish "patriots" who fled from their country in the troublous times of 1798. There were many patriots who left Ireland when she sorely needed their services and if the Washington Post is to be credited the president-elect is descended from one of the number.

It is now in order for some Scotchman to prove that McKinley sprang from good old Presbyterian stock from the hills of Bonny Scotland.

LOWER CAR FARES.

The movement for lower fares on street railroads is coming east. Mayor Pingree of Detroit inaugurated the movement in Michigan and it has been taken up by the press with good effect in many places. At Chicago recently, the aldermen passed an ordinance fixing fares on street cars at five cents; but the mayor vetoed the measure as an unfair attack upon corporations, a violation of contract and calculated to result in a reduction of wages. But that does not end the matter. The people want lower fares and they will have them. If the mayor stands in the way, he will be turned aside and another man elected who will stand by the people.

AS TO SERVANT GIRLS.

We are informed that housekeepers are having trouble with their servants. It is next to impossible to get these stubborn "servants" to do the work in the precise way their mistresses order and at the precise rate of wages the good ladies wish to pay.

There is here undoubtedly room for honest differences. It is very provoking indeed that a skilled and faithful servant should refuse to work for the pay of a novice or do her work just as an inexperienced or unskilled housekeeper directs. When the mistresses learn to treat their servants with more consideration they will have very much less trouble. The servants will stay longer, they will work harder and for lower wages than if their mistresses lost all patience in telling them how to do this and that, which they learned to do long ago.

Unless we are mistaken the mistresses themselves make much of the trouble they have with servants.

At least there are two sides to the case and the servants are not the bad lot they are sometimes represented to be. "There is much to be said on both sides."

ON SILVER'S GREAT VOTE

MEANING OF THE FIGURES OF THE RECENT ELECTION.

McKinley's Victory Achieved by a Very Narrow Margin—The People Are Opposed to the Single Gold Standard—Senator Chandler's Views.

The Washington Post, although it strongly supported the single gold standard during the last campaign, is of the opinion that the cause of silver is still very much alive. Commenting on the meaning of the election figures, it says:

As the official counts come in and as the unofficial counts are revised and corrected in anticipation of the authoritative verdict it is borne in upon us more and more that Bryan's defeat was achieved upon a very narrow margin, and that the "landslide" spoken of so loudly a few weeks ago was but a thing in buckram. The New Orleans Times-Democrat, one of the best informed journals in the country and without a superior in the collation and analysis of statistics, has just completed a careful examination of the figures, and says:

All the counties of Texas have been heard from, and we are at last able to give the total vote cast at the late election. There were cast 13,712,168 votes, or 1,582,221 more than in the previous election, an increase of over 13 per cent. The plurality of McKinley over Bryan was not the 1,000,000 predicted, but barely half that much, or 552,073 in all. It is not the largest plurality ever received by a candidate for the presidency, but it is below Grant's in 1872, and but little over his in 1868, Lincoln's in 1860 and Buchanan's in 1852.

The totals are thus given:

McKinley	7,044,884
Bryan	6,492,218
Palmer	116,020
Levering	104,427
Bentley	10,672
Matchett	9,642
Total vote	13,712,168
McKinley's plurality	552,666

Our contemporary concludes as follows:

The table going the rounds of the press purporting to be the popular vote and originally published in the New York World is an arrant fake. It gives South Carolina to McKinley. It credits votes to Palmer in South Dakota, where there was no Palmer ticket, and its returns from most of the states, and particularly the southern states—among them Alabama, Louisiana and Texas—are incorrect and in many cases evidently invented, as votes are credited to candidates, particularly Palmer, where not a single vote was received by them.

It will be January before the official votes in all the states are proclaimed, but there will be practically no change from the table given above.

It is quite safe to assume that these figures are practically correct. The Times-Democrat is a specialist and a high authority in matters of this kind. We venture to say that the returns, when at last they shall have been officially promulgated, will not affect our contemporary's statement to the extent of one-half of 1 per cent as regards any of the totals above given.

Senator Chandler, therefore, makes no mistake in his very forcible letter to the London National Review, when he says:

That the United States is opposed to the single gold standard and is in favor of retracing in due course and with careful regard to the national honor the steps taken in the demonetization of silver, until both gold and silver shall be admitted to free coinage at the ratio of 16½ to 1 and made the standard money of the world and the measure of the values of the world, is a proposition which would receive the suffrages of four-fifths of our voters if this proposition alone could be fairly presented to them, even without further debate. They have sufficiently informed themselves to believe that the quantity of real money, and not the money which must be redeemed in some other money, determines the prices of the world's commodities, that the demonetization of half of the world's real money is slowly reducing prices and crushing debtors, and that the use of only gold as nonredeemable money is placing the great instrument of exchange in commerce upon such a narrow basis that the present depression in production and trade will continue, with occasional and temporary reactions, for an indefinite period, and with manifold evils to the human race the world over.

If the project embodied in the Chicago platform commanded nearly 6,500,000 votes out of less than 14,000,000 cast by the entire nation, what would be the popular majority upon an issue of conservative bimetallism?

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

It Is a Violation of the Prime Principle of Rotation In Office.

There are many thoughtful, patriotic people—men who are not calamity shouters and sensation mongers—who look with grave apprehension on the growth of centralization and the possibility of a fight with imperialism. An officeholding class—a permanent governing body—is a standing menace to government by the people. It is a means of getting government farther away from its source.

The civil service, as now administered, violates the prime principles of rotation in office. It is a dangerous form of imperialism. It has the effect of familiarizing the people with government by the few. It is an insidious step toward the perversion of our institutions. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wanted—More Revenue.

Messrs. Hanna & Co. seem to have a vivid sense of the need of more revenue, which is wise. But how are you going to get it, gentlemen? The McKinley tariff did not produce as much revenue as the present one. You and your allies are utterly opposed to an income tax. Indeed, the great and august supreme court has pronounced an income tax "unconstitutional." Must it be either more bonds or a tax on the poor man's tea and coffee?

Cause For Jubilation.

Mark Hanna is quoted as saying that "the splendor attending McKinley's election will be the grandest ever seen." As the McKinley campaign fund was the largest ever seen it would be no more than appropriate for the triumphant trusts to exhibit their joy with equal lavishness over his inauguration.

A Record Breaking Year.

Trotting records, bicycle records and speechmaking records have all been broken this year. It is almost as easy to break a record as it is to break the moral law.—Twinkles.

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SUNBEAMS.

A Modern Ark.

"Hi, Billie, come in here out of the wet!"—Pick Me Up.

Handicapped.

Buckton—What a very dull week the past one has been. Nothing has happened of any importance.

Noodlek—No; I wonder what on earth our preacher will find to preach about next week?—Truth.

Foresight.

"Do you think Julia will accept the offer of her foreign lover?"

"No; her father says when they go abroad they may get something cheaper and just as good."—Chicago Record.

Saved.

Wilkins—Miss Oldfryte sat directly beneath the mistletoe on the chandelier, but Providence saved me.

Bilkins—Providence?

Wilkins—Yes; Providence dropped the chandelier.

McKinley on Cabinet Making.

I've got to have a cabinet,
But one thing I'm afraid of—
I don't see how in time I'll choose
The stuff it's to be made of.

For kindly friends on ev'ry hand
Their ready tongues unlimber
To tell me just the very spots
To look for likely timber.

According to the tales they tell,
The woods are full of giants
On any of whom 'twould seem
'Twere safe to place reliance.

While lofty heads all round us tower
'Tis puzzling to tell which is
The best for any place, 'mid such
Embarrassment of riches.

The woods are full of giants, peers
Of Seward and of Stanton,
And ev'ry day sees sample lots
Dumped right down here in Canton.

Yet I can't help suspicioning
That folks who talk the longest
Are those who'd make the poorest sticks
Appear to me the strongest.

And some, I know, in spite of all
The booming that is cheering
Ambitious hearts and hopes just now
Are nothing but veneering.

I want a good, strong cabinet,
I don't propose to cumber
The presidential office with
A lot of useless lumber.

But, oh, sometimes I can't but wish
We were a little scant on
Fine timber for a cabinet—
Such cuckoos come to Canton!
—Mary Norton Bradford in Boston Globe.

Slavish.

We were considerably amused recently by the remark of an employee of a corporation who said that he did not dare think during working hours lest his thoughts might betray him. Men have become such slaves that they don't dare say their souls are their own, much less express an opinion antagonistic to the interests of their masters.—Twentieth Century.

To Increase the British Army.

The St. James Gazette states that the army estimates for the ensuing year will be greatly increased. Eight new battalions of infantry and 18 new batteries of artillery, with four guns each, will be formed, and the cavalry service will be reorganized.

Child's Play.

A New York actress, who is also a real live countess, proposes to play the part of Svengali in "Trilby." We have long known that women were adepts in the art of hypnotizing men, but that one of them should attempt to practice the art upon a member of her own sex is almost beyond belief, and it would simply be time wasted.—Cleveland Leader.

Not Up to Date.

She isn't very witty, she isn't very wise,
But when a girl has dimples, and bits of heaven for eyes,
And hair like sunshine gleaming, and voice both sweet and low,
A little bit of nothing is all she needs to know.

She does not talk of X rays, or Venezuelan strife,
Of Jewish persecution, or of the after life,
Of massacres in China, inhabitants of Mars,
And she adores light vaudeville, not operatic stars.

She has no aspirations, she longs for no career,
She has no wish for suffrage, of tyrant man no fear.
She never wrote a novel, a poem or a play,
And she prefers a bonnet to laurel wreaths or bay.

She's never heard of microbes, bacteria and the like,
Or sociologic questions—why laborers have to strike;
Why some have all the money, and some have all the work,
Or why the poor Armenian should suffer from the Turk;
But, oh, she smiles and dimples at everything that's said,
And, oh, her hair is golden, and, oh, her lips are red,
Her eyes are real cerulean, her voice is sweet, and so
A little bit of nothing is all she needs to know!
—Lawrence K. Russel in Truth.

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The student at Columbia university is now able to order a precise measurement of his mental and moral traits as he would an exact outfit at the tailor's. Instead of being a stranger to his personal beauties and blemishes and knowing himself least of men, he can have spread before him a minute revelation, telling of the size of his head, ears, mouth, lips, general development and traits. After catechism is finished and the spectacled professor has laid aside his tapeline the subject sees himself in a singular aspect. The familiar likeness fades, and he beholds a self which is composed of a compilation of abilities and defects, good and indifferent inclinations, as viewed by the cold, accustomed eyes of the impartial instructor. This is the plan now flourishing in Columbia university. It is a new collegiate development, a reversal of conservative routine. That system known as the Bertillon is copied in part, and much more is employed in addition.

It is in the psychological laboratory that these interesting tests are made by Professor J. McKeen Cattell. The purpose is to allow each student to know his strength and weakness of mind and body, so that he may act accordingly. He is thus enlightened at the outset of his career as to what best befits his nature. A plunge in the darkness he need not make, with this intimate acquaintance of himself. He can choose that course in life for which he reveals aptitude.

Furthermore, all possible illusions being dispelled by this searching scrutiny, he is aware of his uncertain points, and so can strive to remedy those which are capable of bettering. In brief, it is scientific analysis of each student's character without the use of those solemn tricks, such as feeling cranial bumps and fidgeting about palms. It is an invaluable guide to the future.

The variety of questions proves its thoroughness. First, there is the gentle inquiry as to heredity. "How many brothers did your father and mother have?" "Was your father his mother's first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or what child?" and "How about your mother?" These and more searching queries as to parentage follow in rapid succession, fully illuminating the student's ancestry.

Then the student is asked as to his physical ills, whether he has toothaches or colds, if his teeth are good, and how many hours he usually sleeps. Does he dream? Are his dreams pleasant, commonplace or fearful? How many cups of tea or coffee does he drink daily? How great a number of pipes, cigars or cigarettes does he smoke? Does he use alcoholic drinks? If so, how many beers or other liquors a day? What opera does he prefer? What novelist, painter, poet?

And so he is bombarded with an intense inquisition, which lucidly sets forth the student's character. If he is delving too deep in pleasure, out the truth blazes. Should he inherit conspicuous qualities, that fact, too, shows plainly.

When he emerges from the inquisitorial valley, he is measured. The elevation of his nose is inquired into. This member may reveal a temperament ranging from the philosophical to the pugilistic, the reckless to the prudent. It is important to know what its shape signifies. It may be bulbous or aquiline, jutting or stumpy, each of which forms has a significance not to be despised.

The ears are submitted to careful analysis. According to the latest accepted dictums of science, the size of ears means much. If too large and not too friendly to the skull, they are liable to tell a silent story of degeneracy, and indications otherwise range from obtrusiveness to refinement. Similarly the mouth and lips are measured. The size of the hands in contrast to that of the body and fingers in relation to the width of the hand is noted. The subject's head undergoes the same process, and his eyes are submitted to color experiment to find whether he is color blind. His breathing capacity is tested, as well as his keenness of sight and hearing, memory, profession of time, sensation areas and the physical state of his limbs.

When this exhaustive examination, containing a great number of questions and tests, is completed, the professor states in writing whether he regards the subject as likely to be a good student, if he is quick, talkative, accurate, straightforward, intellectual, of strong will, of powerful emotions, well balanced, choleric, sanguine, melancholy or phlegmatic.

"Our experience with these tests," Professor Cattell says, "leads us to recommend that they be made a part of the work of every psychological laboratory. When used with freshmen on entering college, the record is of interest to the man and may be of real value to him. It is well for him to know how his physical development, senses, movements and mental processes compare with those of his fellows. He may be able to correct defects and develop aptitudes. Then, when the tests are repeated later in the college course and in subsequent life, the regard of progress or retrogression may prove of substantial importance to him." —Chicago Times-Herald.

Anti Foot Binding Movement.

The anti foot binding movement, inaugurated by the missionaries in China, is distinctly gaining ground. Many women have pledged themselves not to bind their children's feet, and some have unbound their own, though the latter procedure is of little value, a foot that has been bound for years being incapable either of recovering its original shape or of performing much useful service when deprived of the support of the bandages.

Actors In New Jersey Childhood Romance.

A strange story of child love comes from Rutherford, N. J., where 12-year-old Anna Mansfield tried hard to end her life because 13-year-old Clarence Volkmann jilted her. Anna wrote him a note, saying that he had been cruel and that she would kill herself. Then she swallowed carbolic acid and shot herself in the head with a pistol while her father and mother were away from home.

Queen Victoria's Telegrapher.

There are few appointments at court in England entailing a greater degree of labor and discretion than that of chief telegrapher to the queen, an office which Mr. Malcolm Riley holds. Her majesty's telegraphic correspondence, not only with her relatives, ministers and officials in the United Kingdom, but also with her kinsfolk abroad, is something enormous, and it will scarcely be credited that she writes nearly every message in her own hand, not on blanks, but on ordinary sheets of note paper, adorned with the royal cipher and the name of the palace where she may happen to be residing at the time.—Railroad Telegrapher.

A CRY OF WARNING.

"I suffered for years and years with womb and kidney trouble in their worst forms.

"I had terrible pains in my abdomen and back; could hardly drag myself around; had the 'blues' all the time, was cross to every one; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me of all my pains.

"I cannot praise it enough, and cry aloud to all women that their suffering is unnecessary; go to your druggist and get a bottle that you may try it anyway. You owe this chance of recovery to yourself."—MRS. J. STEWARD, 2218 Amber St., Kensington, Phila Pa

THEIR AWFUL FRIGHT.

The Dollarcrats Have Not Yet Recovered From It.

One of its dollarcratic readers sends the following letter to the New York Sun:

To the Editor of The Sun:

Sir—In your editorial admonition of yesterday to "Keep the Ranks Solid" you justly say the crop of votes harvested by Bryan was "portentous in its magnitude." Are we not in danger, in our exultation over McKinley's large electoral majority and his glorious popular plurality, of overlooking the fact that we really saved the day only by the skin of our teeth? A chain is only as strong as its weakest links. Where are the weak links in the sound money chain that has saved us this time, which we must devote the next four years to strengthening? A careful study of the figures will show.

Bearing in mind that a majority of 5,000 is changed by the transfer of 3,000 votes into a majority of 1,000 for the opposing candidate, let us see what would have resulted from a few such changes in ten critical states:

	Votes changed.	Total vote in 1892.	Electors.
South Dakota	400	70,000	3
Kentucky	1,000	840,000	13
Wyoming	1,000	16,000	3
Delaware	1,500	87,000	3
Oregon	4,000	78,000	4
Tennessee	4,000	227,000	12
California	4,000	269,000	9
North Dakota	5,000	36,000	3
West Virginia	8,000	171,000	6
Indiana	11,000	654,000	15
Totals	40,900	1,583,000	71

According to the best figures to be had four days after the election, it appears that a change of 40,000 votes in the ten critical states above enumerated would have given Bryan 71 more electoral votes and a majority of five in the electoral college. Allowing for the probable increase in four years, it is fair to suppose that the total vote this year in these ten states is not less than 2,000,000. In other words, a change of 2 per cent of the vote in ten states would have made a free silver anarchist the lawful president of the American republic.

I yield to no one in admiration of the magnificent Gibraltars of sound money that stand revealed in the votes of New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. But the figures here compiled show that we also have a Sudan to defend, and that Bryan came perilously near to victory.

Even taking the country at large and counting in all the states that are overwhelmingly for sound money, a popular plurality of 1,000,000 in a total vote of 13,000,000, superb and unprecedented as it is, nevertheless leaves us face to face with the ugly fact that 45 out of every 100 American citizens deliberately preferred the Chicago platform of repudiation and anarchy, for the candidacy of Palmer has at least served the purpose of enabling us to know that the Democrats who voted for Bryan, like the mob that nominated him, did so from choice and not from party compulsion.

EMERSON E. STEARNS.

Archbishop Fabre Dying.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The condition of Archbishop Fabre has taken a decided turn for the worse, and though he is perfectly conscious, it is stated that he can only last a few hours.

IN THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY

A SURPRISING CHANGE IN SENTIMENT.

It Will Sweep the Globe.

Until lately Massachusetts was the enemy's country.

The people of the state have long suffered.

Many have had no relief by day nor rest by night.

Among the thousands, few were able to tell the cause of their sufferings.

And the enemy ruled.

But a champion came.

California Catarrh Cure undertook to relieve the oppressed people.

And the enemy, catarrh, that had its grasp on nearly every citizen, will soon be driven from the Old Bay State.

Already the people rejoice.

California Catarrh Cure has won their confidence, and this is the way it does it:

A bad case of catarrh which California Catarrh Cure relieved was that of Fred A. Dutton of 70 Spring street, Stoneham, Mass. He says:

"I was for many years a great sufferer from catarrh. My sense of smell was nearly all gone, my eyesight and hearing badly impaired as well as my taste; the mucous that ran down my throat nights kept me continually hawking and spitting and the odor from my breath was something awful. I heard of C. C. C., California Catarrh Cure, and procuring a bottle followed directions. I very soon found it was doing me good and continuing used two large bottles. I considered myself cured, and am heartily grateful to California Cure for relieving my suffering."

California Catarrh Cure will cure you too.

Sold by Ellingwood & Co., corner of Central and Merrimack streets. 50 cents; three times as much for one dollar.

LAPSED INDUSTRIAL POLICIES

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Will Revive any Lapsed Policy on which fifty-two successive weeks' premiums were received, and on which the premiums are in arrears thirteen weeks or more, provided the life before insured is in good health.

Apply to your local Superintendent, who has two kinds of policies to offer in such cases—one restoring your policy subject to a loan for premiums in arrears without interest, and the other a new policy in full immediate benefit without any loan, but for the amount called for by the old premium at the present age on the present table.

VARIETY STORES use old papers for wrapping purposes. Watch them at this office for 5 cents a hundred.

The New Minister (entering suddenly): "Oh, I beg your pardon, but could I—that is to say, could you tell me who is the master of the house?"

Lady With Saucepan: "If you wouldn't mind stopping outside a minute, young man, that's just the point we're going to settle."

BENEFIT SALE

Four Days of the Greatest Bargain Giving Ever Witnessed in Lowell. Not one old Garment in the Store.

Handsome new Garments from $1.95 to $18.50 worth from $4.75 to $32.50.

The Latest Styles in Capes from $1.98 to $22.50, worth from $3.75 to $45.00.

Children's Garments, all sizes, from $1.75 to $11.50, worth from $3.50 to $19.50.

Fur Capes, Fur Muffs, Fur Boas

In all the popular high grade furs, style and quality best, no old the stock, special reduced prices for Christmas. Call and examine.

WE GIVE To each purchaser of goods to the amount of $7.50 or upwards, a handsome Gloria Silk Umbrella Absolutely Free.

WATCHES After purchasing $8 worth of goods at our store and by paying $2.95 you secure a gold finished watch worth $10. See Them in Our Windows.

New York Cloak & Suit Co.

NO. 12 JOHN STREET.

BARGAINS IN

Choice Beef, Turkeys, Chickens, Etc.

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—MERCHANTS—

Now is the time to Paint, Kalsomine or Decorate Your Store or Office.

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208 CENTRAL STREET.

PETER J. BRADY, GROCER

448 Corham Street.

Choice Teas, Coffees and Spices

Try our "BIG TWELVE" brand of flour the best in the city.

COOL EVENINGS ARE COMING! Why not order your light weight overcoat now and save a few dollars? Our unlined heavy coverts are dandies.

DAVIS & NICKERSON, Tailors, 9 CENTRAL STREET. New Goods Arriving Every Week.

Did you know that BERTRAND, THE TAILOR 24 Middle Street, Makes Clothing for the best dressed people in town? Try him with an order for a Fall Suit or Overcoat.

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Toys All Kinds. **Skates** 5000 Pairs **Sleds** 25c. and Up

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Is Your Stable Crowded

And more room is needed for your Sleighs?

The best of storage can be had of

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Sawyer Carriage Co.

Kitson Building, Worthen St.

You Have Struck the Right Place

When you have found

PETER WATSON'S

Celebrated Bakeries

For if you are looking for the best quality of bakers' supplies, you are always sure to get the best when trading at either of his stores, which are located at

52, to 60 Charles Street, and 465 Lawrence Street.

If you desire he will supply your wants by calling at your home. Parties and weddings a specialty.

IF YOU WANT A CASE Of the Leading Brands of LAGER, JONES' ALE, Or PORTER

TELEPHONE.

J. H. RILEY,

Bottler, Nos. 96 and 102 Lakeview Avenue

Telephone Number 474-4.

COLD WEATHER COMFORTS

We're going to need them very soon if what the weather prophets say is true. Seal Skin Gloves, Heavy Weight Underwear, new and handsome designs in Silk Mufflers, and Heavy Caps and Gloves are dividing attention with our superb line of gentlemen's furnishings at this time.

ARTHUR J. CUMMISKEY,

69 Merrimack Street.

This Umbrella Has Gone To Smash.

I will take it to Austin's and have it repaired. He will put a new cover on it and do anything else needed in a first class manner at a reasonable price.

C. E. AUSTIN, 19 Bridge Street.

Christmas Candles

For Christmas Tree, Boudoir and Table use in

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Candle Shades and Holders.

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Everything in the Holiday Line of Presents.

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Our entire stock of TRUNKS, BAGS, POCKET-BOOKS, STRAPS, etc., to be slaughtered at prices unheard of.

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70-72 Middlesex St. Old Wooden Building.

5 O'CLOCK EXTRA

CRUEL GUERILLAS

Butcher Non-combatants in Western Cuba.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN WERE CRUELLY LASHED.

Twenty Women Wantonly Shot.

New York, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to The World from Key West says:

A recent massacre by General Melquizo's troops in western Cuba is described in a letter received here from an insurgent leader.

In a little hamlet 40 miles north of Pinar Del Rio dwelt about 75 people, most of them old and all non-combatants. They lived from hand to mouth, having a few cattle and some small cane fields and truck farms.

Spanish guerillas, commanded by Pierronti, visited the place a fortnight ago. All the people were assembled and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignites.

Not finding as much as they wanted, the guerillas shot two young men, pretending that they were Spanish deserters.

Six others were tied to trees and horribly whipped, being accused of sending information to the insurgents. Some of the older men were beaten and otherwise maltreated.

Two young women were tied to trees, their backs were bared and the lash was applied unmercifully because they resisted the soldiers' advances. Their screams so aroused the anger of the older women that they made a combined attack on the guerillas with clubs.

The guerillas easily beat them off, and then fired indiscriminately among them, killing 15 or 20 men and women and two young children. The others escaped, though the Spanish murderers fired at them as long as they were in sight.

The guerillas then fired the houses, throwing the dead bodies into the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and tramped their horses over the potato patches, so nothing in the way of food could be had.

The women who were whipped were left tied to the trees. Had not several of the fugitives returned after the guerillas had gone and liberated them they would have died of exhaustion.

These poor people, left without food or shelter, took up their abode in the foothills, building themselves huts of branches and grass. Some have died from exposure, and not more than 30 of the 75 now survive.

A Cuban planter was driven off his plantation north of Pinar Del Rio city two months ago. Since then he and his wife, two daughters and a young son have been living in the forest in a thatched hut in constant fear of Spanish marauding parties.

The letter told of other outrages, and stated that for miles and miles, where formerly were happy homes and flourishing fields, not a house nor a living being is to be seen.

Insanity Experts In Bram Case.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The two sessions of the Bram trial yesterday were entirely taken up in expert testimony on insanity, and the two physicians called by the government disagreed flatly with the two called by the defense over the condition of Brown. While the experts for the defense declared that they strongly suspected Brown of being afflicted with chronic delusionary insanity, the two government experts, physicians regarded fully as experienced, denied that Brown was suffering or could have been suffering with any mental disorder on the Fuller, although he might have been at Rotterdam. This testimony was brought out entirely by hypothetical questions. More expert testimony on seamanship will be introduced today.

Maine Line's New Steamer.

New York, Dec. 30.—The new steel steamer John Englis, which was launched from Roach's ship yard, Chester, Pa., on Oct. 22 last, is now at New York. The John Englis will take her place on the Main steamship line, and will sail from this port next week for Portland. She will be commanded by Captain Albert Briggs, who was for many years in command of the steamer Manhattan on the same line. It is the expectation of the managers of the line that the John Englis will reduce the running time between New York and Portland about 20 hours, which is about six hours less than the present running time.

Maine Pedagogues.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 30.—The 17th annual meeting of the Maine Padagogical society was opened in this city yesterday. The attendance was large, including prominent educators from all over the state. President I. C. Phillips of Lewiston is in charge. The program contained the following papers: "Music in the Schools," Judge W. C. Phillbrook, Waterville; "Child Study in the United States," George C. Purrington, Farmington; "Suggestion in Education," M. H. Small, Clark university, Worcester, Mass.

Another Mill Resumes.

New York, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday that Alexander Smith & Son's carpet mills of Yonkers would resume work soon after the first of the year. They have been shut down for two months. Only a few looms will be started at first, but gradually all will be at work. The mill employs 7000 persons and has a payroll of $60,000 a week when working full time.

Gladstone's Birthday.

London, Dec. 30.—Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone's 87th birthday was fittingly celebrated throughout England and Scotland yesterday. The Grand Old Man is in excellent mental and physical health.

SPAIN DENIES IT

Good Offices of This Government Asked.

A CORRESPONDENT IS NOW IN PRISON.

The Prosecution of Three Friends Case.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—An emphatic denial is given here to the report credited to the Washington Post that Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, and Mr. Olney have concluded negotiations for the acceptance by Spain of the good offices of the United States in the settlement of the Cuban insurrection.

London Comment.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News' Paris correspondent says: It is quite clear that Spain is negotiating with Mr. Olney, but the Castilian pride compels the government to negotiate in an underhand way. They cannot help trying to arrive at a private understanding with the United States for the proceeds of the recent loan are nearly exhausted, and Captain General Weyler's apparent inaction has checked the buoyancy which followed Maceo's death.

Correspondent In Prison.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Olney has received a report from the United States consulate at Havana regarding the case of Henry Delgado, the Cuban correspondent of The Mail and Express, whose capture and confinement by the Spanish authorities the secretary ordered investigated. The secretary makes the following public statement:

"It appears from a report of the Havana consulate that Mr. Delgado was made a prisoner by the Spanish troops in course of recent military operations in the province of Pinar Del Rio; that he is reported to have belonged to the staff of the insurgent Major General Maceo and to have been in command of the artillery; that a letter to Maceo and one from Maceo to the prefect of Las Tumbas were found on his person. It being reported to the consulate that Delgado is a native born American citizen all the rights to which he is entitled under our treaty with Spain and subsequent protocol have been claimed for him."

Mr. Delgado is confined in the military hospital of San Ambroso, outside of Havana. The rights spoken of in the statement consist of a trial by the ordinary judicial authorities, unless the prisoner "is taken with arms." Then he must be tried by a council of war or court-martial.

Cuban sympathizers in New York sent to Secretary Olney yesterday a formal appeal that the state department exert its influence in behalf of Dr. Gaspard A. Betancourt, arrested in Havana on suspicion of being an agent of the Cuban junta in New York.

Filibuster Starts Out.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Jacksonville, Fla., says:

The tug Dauntless, one of the alleged Cuban filibusters of this port, left here yesterday afternoon ostensibly on a towing application. An application was made for clearance papers to Port Antonio, Jam., but this was only to cover the purpose to clear with arms and ammunition for Cuba. The collector refused to issue papers until he had informed the Washington officials of the matter. After waiting awhile the tug steamed down the river.

While Washington officials were studying the legal aspect of her captain's demand, the Dauntless left, escorted by the Boutwell. A night report from the observer at Fort George, below Mayport, at the mouth of the river, fails to show her present whereabouts. The Boutwell is at Mayport now, but whether the Dauntless has shipped her cargo and escaped from the cutter cannot be ascertained.

Three Friends Case.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The authorities of the treasury department and the department of justice expect that the prosecution of the filibustering steamer Three Friends will be under section 5282 of the revised statutes. This will be a new method of prosecution. Heretofore the proceedings have been mainly under section 5286, covering expeditions. Section 5282 is directed against the manning and mounting of guns on a vessel intended to be used against a friendly nation. As those on board the Three Friends have given circumstantial denial as to the mounting and firing of a Hotchkiss rapid fire gun, it is believed by officials that section 5282 will apply to the case. The proceeding against the vessel is much more severe in the case of libel for putting out an expedition. The statute provides that on conviction the vessel and all tackle, stores, etc., shall be forfeited to the United States.

Populists Want Protection at Polls.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—After being in session for two days the Populists embodied the future conduct of the party in this state in the following resolutions: Resolved, That we deem it advisable that the organization of the People's party should be continued throughout this state, and we recommend the organization of clubs throughout the state without any reference to party affiliations. Resolved, That we believe that further and better provisions by law ought to be made to properly protect the voters of this state in a free expression, by their votes, of their views, and that to the end that the votes when cast shall be accurately counted.

Gets His Job Back.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—Truant Officer Thomas R. McClunie, who was suspended on Dec. 14, pending a hearing upon a charge of having sold information of proposed liquor raids and received therefor compensation at the rate of $25 a month, was yesterday reinstated by the board of school visitors, with salary in full during the period of suspension. There were nearly 100 applicants for the position.

Deputy Sheriff Refuses to Serve Papers.

Laconia, N. H., Dec. 30.—George B. Cox of this city, attorney for the state Law and Order league of New Hampshire, has brought suit against Deputy Sheriff Swain Clough of Pittsfield to recover damages for alleged refusal to serve eight criminal warrants upon as many different persons in Pittsfield accused of violation of the prohibitory liquor law. Clough refused to serve the papers unless an indemnity bond securing his fees was put up.

ECKLES NOT APPREHENSIVE.

Comptroller of the Currency Says National Banks Are All Right.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Comptroller of the Currency Eckels said yesterday afternoon that he feels no apprehension over the bank failures which have occurred of late. Two more failures—the Commercial National bank of Roanoke, Va., and the Columbia National of Minneapolis—were added to the list yesterday. They are comparatively small institutions, however, and under ordinary circumstances their failures, it is said, would attract only passing attention. Mr. Eckels, when asked as to the general banking situation, said: "Of course bank failures are more or less disquieting, but those which have occurred recently have little or no general significance attached to them. They were due largely to local causes wholly disconnected with the general condition of the banks in the country at large. The case of the Atlas bank was not a failure at all, but was a mere voluntary liquidation, every depositor being paid in full. The two failures yesterday are of minor importance. As against these few failures, based on local causes, the general condition of the banks is excellent. The reports received under the last call—that of Dec. 17—are uniformly favorable and show an average reserve held of considerable above the 25 per cent required by the law. One of the last reports, that of the Brooklyn banks, shows the average reserve held to be 31.02 per cent, and most of the reports run 5 or 10 per cent above the legal requirements. In each case, too, the assets in detail make an entirely satisfactory showing as compared with the liabilities. On the whole it is evident that national banks are as stable as they ever were, and the sporadic failure of a bank here and there through defects peculiar to the failing banks is of small importance, wholly without significance. I am advised from Minneapolis that the failure there has occasioned no disturbance beyond the institution concerned."

Fast Wheeling.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Waller held the advantage by two laps over Maddox at the close last night of the second day racing in the international eight hours a day contest. The two men have kept almost neck and neck during the long ride until yesterday when Maddox punctured his tire and lost two laps. He made a desperate effort to make up the loss sustained, but was unable to do so. The day was replete with examples of the survival of the fittest, the two weakest men dropping by the wayside after pedalling as long as they could stand the terrific pace set by the leaders. All the eight men who are still riding, with the exception of Ball, the local cyclist, appeared at the close of the riding last night to be in excellent condition, except that they show some signs of fatigue. When the racers finished for the night, at 10:25, the score was as follows: Waller, 291 miles, 2 laps; Maddox, 291 miles; Ashinger, 290 miles, 5 laps; Lawson, 288 miles, 8 laps; Hunter, 288 miles; Foster, 266 miles, 1 lap; Chapple, 286 miles, 2 laps; Ball, 269 miles, 5 laps.

Wales Couldn't Graduate.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 30.—The Wales trial began in the supreme court here yesterday, and the government presented a number of witnesses for the purpose of showing that the defendant had a motive in trying to destroy, by fire or dynamite, Goddard seminary. It was shown that Principal Pierce had refused to allow Wales to graduate, owing to backwardness in his studies. Several of the students testified that Wales was not at the seminary when the fire broke out, but had left just previously. It was also shown that Wales came to Montpelier, and at home appeared to be under great excitement.

New Charter For Newton.

Newton, Mass., Dec. 30.—The common council concurred with the board of aldermen in the adoption of the new city charter last night, and all sections go to the mayor for his approval. The section which was principally in dispute, relative to the terms of the different administrative boards, was passed with no opposition, notwithstanding the fact that the aldermen spent nearly all Monday night in debating the matter. Under the new charter the mayor will hold office for one year and the aldermen and school trustees two years.

Pawned Girl's Diamonds.

New York, Dec. 30.—Walton Storm, who was at one time an assistant district attorney of this city, and who was arrested not long ago for having failed to pay for $300 worth of diamonds he had secured on memorandum, will be called upon to answer in the Yorkville court this morning an accusation made against him by Miss Minnie Mackon, who charges him with having taken from her $2500 worth of diamonds, which he afterwards pawned, and which she has since been unable to recover.

Senator Dubois Goes Home.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Dubois of Idaho left for home Monday night to remain until the question of his re-election to the senate is determined. He will be joined on the way by Hon. C. A. Walsh, secretary of the Democratic national committee, who will accompany him to Boise City and remain with him until the close of the contest for the purpose of doing all that he can to promote Mr. Dubois' prospects.

New Cotton Mill Starts.

Warwick, R. I., Dec. 30.—The new cotton mill at Centerville was started yesterday morning. Work will be given about 600 operatives. Fancy cotton goods will be manufactured. A number of operatives who were thrown out of work by the fatal boiler explosion at the Kent Woolen company's works last week will get employment in the new factory.

Clothes Caught Fire From Stove.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 30.—Mrs. William Brodie, while working over a stove yesterday afternoon, was terribly burned through her clothes catching fire. After suffering awful agony for nearly five hours she died. She leaves a husband, son and daughter.

Boy Drowned.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 30.—Arthur Du Bois, 7 years old, was drowned while crossing the mill pond at Whittenton, on his way to school, yesterday afternoon. Several comrades who were near by were unable to rescue him. The body was recovered.

Wife Murderer Insane.

Atlantic City, Dec. 30.—Deputy Sheriff Ashley of this county last night received word that John Rech, the self-confessed murderer, who strangled and buried his wife in the woods near May's Landing, is on the verge of insanity. The derangement is attributed to remorse for his crime.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

WILL WED GYPSY

Princess De Chimay Gone Completely "Daffed."

AN AMERICAN HEIRESS IN GAY PARIS

Where Her Tale of Woe is Related.

Buda-Pesth, Dec. 30.—The presence here of Princess de Caraman-Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward, an heiress of Detroit, who eloped from Paris last summer with a Hungarian Gypsy musician named Janesi Rigo, with whom she became infatuated while witnessing his performance in a Parisian cafe, has caused a sensation in certain circles. The princess received members of the press, to whom she spoke in the freest manner. She declared it was incorrect to suggest that her husband, a Belgian nobleman of French extraction, had behaved in an ungentlemanly manner toward her. On the contrary, she insisted, the prince had always conducted himself as a gentleman. But he was of a cold, reserved nature, and was always more at his club or on the turf than with his family. The couple have two children living.

PRINCESS DE CHIMAY.

The princess was then asked why she left her husband, and replied: "That is a remarkable story. I have also asked myself why I have done so, and I can find no reply to the question. Soon after our marriage I went with my husband to Brussels. At first I found the Belgian aristocracy very sympathetic. When, however, there was talk of a highly placed personage having shown me special favor an entire change occurred. The sympathy first shown me was withdrawn, and therefore I went to Paris. I there became acquainted with M. Rigo in the Cafe Faillard. He was acting as bandmaster. Rigo liked me better than his beloved music. The rest you know."

In conclusion, the princess said: "I should like very much to see my children again, but the law has given them to their father. I, on the other hand, have given up half my income, $15,000, for their education. I shall remain two months in Hungary."

The "highly placed personage" referred to by the princess in this interview is understood here to refer to King Leopold of Belgium, and is said to furnish the cause for the refusal of the Queen of Belgium to be introduced to Princess de Caraman-Chimay at a garden party at Laeken, the royal park and palace near Brussels.

The princess gave her full story to the correspondents. It appears that she arrived in Paris at the age of 16 with her mother. Her first suitor was a German captain named Von Heffels, who was rejected.

She made the acquaintance of the Prince of Chimay-Caraman at the residence of the then United States consul. She accepted the prince's suit, the mother and daughter having made a wager between them that he would propose within two months. The princess states in her interview that she spent 1,500,00 francs ($300,000) in repairing the Prince of Chimay-Caraman's old family chateau in Hainault. After six years of marriage, the princess states, only an income of 155,000 francs ($31,000) remained of her fortune.

The princess said to the newspaper men that she will marry Janesi Rigo, her Hungarian Gypsy lover. She showed to the reporters on the upper part of her arm a tattooed serpent, surmounted with the name Janesi, and above it the letter "C.," the whole design being topped by a ducal crown.

Hundreds of people wait outside the hotel where the pair are staying to see the runaway princess, and special police are needed to keep order. When she appears at the theater adorned with splendid diamonds and the Gypsy Janesi at her side the performers on the stage are quite ignored, so great is the curiosity aroused.

Navigation Suspended.

St. John, N. F., Dec. 30.—An ice blockade on the whole of the northeastern coast of the island has begun, and steamers and vessels are returning here, it being impossible to reach the mining settlements. All navigation will be suspended for the balance of the year. A number of vessels are frozen in the ice and will remain there until spring. The mail boat Virginia narrowly escaped being crushed.

Concord Fire Report.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 30.—The fire report for 1896 of the city of Concord shows that the fire department responded to 23 bell alarms and 65 still alarms; that the actual loss to property was $60,000 on a total valuation of $95,000, with $33,000 insurance paid on $49,000 of risks.

Fell Off Wharf.

Bar Harbor, Me., Dec. 30.—Miss Bessie Sargent, a young woman 20 years of age, fell from the Maine Central wharf last night and was drowned. The body was recovered in 20 minutes, but resuscitation failed. Miss Sargent belonged in South Gouldsborough.

Crushed Between Tree and Sled.

Whitefield, N. H., Dec. 30.—Henry Plaisted, aged 23, and unmarried, was crushed to death in Kilkenny woods yesterday afternoon by being caught between a sled and trees while coming down a steep incline.

Dr. Job Sweet Retires.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 30.—Dr. Job Sweet, one of the family of brothers whose fame as natural bone setters is widespread, yesterday announced his retirement from practice after 50 years in his profession.

WANAMAKER'S PROPHECY.

Unless Good Times Return the World Will Be Shaken.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—John Wanamaker, who is opposing Bois Penrose for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Mr. Cameron, was interviewed last night on the situation of the campaign, which is one of the bitterest ever known in Pennsylvania politics.

He began with the statement that "if the next four years do not give good times to the United States, the new century will usher in changes that will be severely felt to the most remote corner of the world. Pennsylvania's responsibility in the administration of national affairs is thrown upon her congressmen and two senators. The terms of these two senators expire either at the beginning of or during President McKinley's administration, and as the time approaches to fill the next vacancy, some of those who labored incessantly to defeat the nomination of President McKinley and carried the vote of Pennsylvania in the convention against him are assuming to dispense the federal patronage in advance of his inauguration in order to influence the votes of the members of the legislature."

Concerning national issues, he said he favored a tariff high enough to remunerate manufacturers so that they may be able to keep employes going the full week at good wages, and to exclude everything that we can grow or make in this country. He declared that the Wilson bill had destroyed labor in America and that the working people were the first sufferers from importations. He advocated a greatly restricted immigration law, and asserted his unalterable opposition to any tampering with the monetary system which would tend to destroy the nation's credit.

Robbed on Fifth Avenue.

New York, Dec. 30.—A bold highway robbery was perpetrated in broad daylight on Fifth avenue yesterday by a young man who claimed, when subsequently arrested, that he was starving to death. Mrs. Burden was walking down Fifth avenue on her way home. Near Seventy-seventh street she was suddenly confronted by a young man, who placed a knife at her throat and demanded that she give to him all her money and jewelry. Mrs. Burden screamed for help and attempted to escape from the highwayman. The latter, however, seized her roughly by the arm, threw her to the pavement and wrenched her pocketbook from her hand. The purse contained a check for $60, drawn in Mr. Burden's favor. Clutching the purse in his hands the thief ran through Seventy-seventh street, Mrs. Burden meanwhile screaming as loudly as she could.

Burning Coal Heaps.

New Haven, Dec. 30.—One of the most destructive fires to the property of the Consolidated railroad in recent years is now smouldering in the immense heap of bituminous coal at the coal supply stand, New Haven yards, where the locomotives of six divisions get their supply of fuel. There are upwards of 75,000 tons in the yard at the present time, and it is estimated that between 10,000 and 20,000 tons have been consumed by the fire, causing a loss varying from $40,000 to $80,000. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion, and was discovered two weeks ago. Since then a number of men have been working day and night digging through the coal heaps to extinguish the fire, and it will require several weeks of constant labor to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

Gotham's High Tax Rate.

New York, Dec. 30.—The board of estimate and apportionment, which has been for two weeks considering the final estimates of the various branches of the city government for 1897, finished its work yesterday. The total appropriations foot up something close to $50,000,000. This expenditure, it is estimated, will make the tax rate for next year $2.30 on each $100 of valuation. No approach to this budget or this rate has ever been reached before. Mayor Strong has little to say about the budget, but it is believed that he is surprised.

American Historical Association.

New York, Dec. 30.—The American Historical association met in this city yesterday. Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, president of the association, delivered his inaugural address in the evening. Dr. Storrs, who read from a 40-page typewritten manuscript, first thanked the association for the high honor conferred upon him in selecting him to preside over the destinies of the association at its last annual meeting, held in Washington in December, 1895. Dr. Storrs then went on to eulogize the founders of the association, who, he said, were the lineal descendants of the pioneer New Englanders and early settlers in Massachusetts. Among the pioneers mentioned by Dr. Storrs were Elias Wheeler, the son of a farmer in Massachusetts; Robert Boyle, governor of the latter place in 1750; Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, S. P. Chase, Levi Woodbury, and George E. Marsh. General J. G. Wilson of this city read a paper entitled "Tributes to Deceased Members." The regular committees were appointed and the association adjourned for the day.

ELECTRIC PLANT

Burned at Newark, N. J., on the Passaic River.

New York, Dec. 30.—Fire swept through the dynamo building of the Newark Electric Light, Heat and Power company, on Passaic river, last night, and the city was plunged in total darkness. All the streets, houses and stores which depended upon the electric power for their light were cut off. Very few of these were supplied in any way with gas light. In the building which was destroyed were 37 dynamos. The fire started on the big switch board, from which radiated every line of street, commercial and house lighting in the city. Leo Gamp, foreman of the dynamo room, was manipulating the switchboard when the blaze started. There was a flash of flame, and Gamp jumped back, but not before the flying molten metal from the wire connection had spattered over him. In a moment the lights went out and the machines began to throw out sparks. Some one shut off the machinery, but the flames were fed by the oil soaked material within the building, and the fire spread quickly and soon was blazing fiercely. The plant was entirely destroyed. The loss will amount to $175,000.

SUMMONED TO COURT.

For Giving a Benefit Entertainment on Sunday.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Eugene Tompkins, proprietor of the Boston theater, Colonel Mapleson, late impressario of the Imperial Opera company, and all who took part in the Mapleson benefit at the theater last Sunday night, have been summoned into the municipal court to answer a charge of violating the Sunday concert law. An interesting phase of the case is the fact that a number of the audience have also been included in the charge. The case is being contested.

LITTLE REFUSES

To Grant Any Concessions to Strikers.

THE COMPANY WILL BE APPEALED TO.

Little Will Not Listen to the Strikers.

Boston, Dec. 30.—President Little of the West End, in reply to the committee of citizens appointed at the mass meeting at Faneuil hall Monday night, virtually refused to settle the West End controversy by employing all the men who took part in the strike. The committee, in view of this, has sent a letter to the executive committee of the West End company, praying for a further hearing. The committee assembled at city hall and prepared the following plan of settlement to be presented to President Little:

1—The discontinuance of the employment of new men.

2—Reinstatement of former employes.

3—That a committee of the men be received for the purpose of making a just agreement dealing with the permanent relationship of the corporation to its employes.

To the first request Mr. Little stated that yesterday the company had engaged only 19 men, three of whom were old employes; also that up to Monday evening they had employed only 189 new men; 332 former employes who sought re-employment have been refused for various rasons; 108 former employes have not asked to be reinstated. Among these last are the members of the supreme council.

To the second request Mr. Little stated that they had re-employed 2474 of the old hands. There were also 490 men who did not leave the company's employ, but remained faithful to the company. He said there would be no discrimination against men re-employed so long as their service was satisfactory.

Regarding the third request, Mr. Little stated that he had never declined to receive a committee of the men. While there has been no written agreement between the men and the company for 10 years, the former have been treated in accordance with previous agreements. He declined to deal with the men not now in the company's employ, but told the committee he was ready to meet a committee of the men who were in the company's employ. In view of the fact that Mr. Little's position is a substantial refusal to re-employ the men who are still out, the committee has voted to ask for a hearing with the executive committee of the West End Railway company at the earliest possible day.

Two More Bodies Recovered.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Two more charred corpses were found deep under the debris of Sunday's wreck on the Birmingham mineral passenger train and brought here yesterday. They were too badly burned for identification, but it is regarded as reasonably certain that they are the bodies of S. W. Tubbs and wife of Alger, who are missing. A. H. Linton of Pratt City was here yesterday searching for his 15-year-old son, who had left home for Gurnee Saturday, and was to have left Gurnee for Blocton Sunday morning. He has not since been seen or heard from, and it is feared that he, too, was a victim of the wreck.

Economic Congress.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—Corporations were considered by the American Economic association yesterday. During the discussion Professor Walker of the Massachusetts Agricultural college said labor organizations ought to be incorporated, and they should be compelled to possess a fund that they might be held responsible for misdeeds of members. This subject was followed by a general debate on agriculture. A memorial to congress asking for the establishment of a permanent census bureau was reported.

Verestchagin Irritated.

Paris, Dec. 30.—There is an exhibition at the Volney club of 100 realistic paintings of Napoleon's Russian campaign by Verestchagin, being a terrible, vivid and impressive lesson of the horrors of war. Verestchagin had prepared a catalogue passing severe judgment upon Napoleon's enterprise, but the committee of the club prohibited the sale of the catalogue. Verestchagin became much irritated, and he will close the exhibition a week earlier than he intended.

Minister Bigelow's Team Ran Away.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Hon John Bigelow, ex-minister to France, was in an exciting runaway yesterday afternoon. Seated in a sleigh were Mr. Bigelow and his two daughters, Miss Grace and Mrs. Charles E. Tracy, and while descending a long mountain hill the horses became frightened at some coasters and ran away. After running quite a distance the sleigh was overturned and the three were hurled down an embankment. Assitance was soon at hand, and, strange to say, Mr. Bigelow and daughters sustained only some slight cuts and bruises. Mr. Bigelow is in the 79th year of his age.

Miners Strike.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 30.—A long strike among the Mercer county coal miners is imminent. The miners demanded a rate of 5 cents per ton increase, and upon the refusal of the operators to grant it, they quit work. The miners in the Black Diamond and Trout mines, numbering 350, came out first, followed by 400 employes of the Grove City mines and the 200 in the Westman, Filer & Co. mines. The trouble was caused by the increase in wages granted in the Pittsburg districts. This is the second time the men have struck in the past three months.

Pension Office Change.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A radical change in the procedure of the pension office has been made. All claims for increase, save in extraordinary cases, hereafter will be sent direct to the medical division of the bureau without having to be passed upon by the board of review, as has been the custom for years.

DR. WALKER DENTIST Wyman's Exchange

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Knights of Pythias.

Samuel Hines council, K. of P., elected these officers last evening:

C. C., A. A. Nevers; V. C., James Smith; P., Elden Palmer; M. of W., Joseph Kerr; K. of R. and S., A. F. Choate; M. of F., F. B. Andrews; M. of E., John Tighe; M. of A., Thomas Sutherland; trustee for three years, A. E. Joy; representative to the grand lodge for two years, John Tighe.

Officers of Garfield Colony.

Garfield Colony, U. O. P. F., held its regular meeting last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Governor, Timothy Mahoney; lieutenant, Mary F. Winslow; sec., Frances H. Estabrook; collector, Franklin T. Wilson; treas., Edwin A. Howe; chaplain, David Bushee; sergt.-at-arms, James Aspinall; deputy sergt.-at-arms, Clara S. Mahoney; sentinel of the inner gate, Anna A. Howe; sentinel of the outer gate, Catharine Mitchell; trustees, T. Mahoney, W. A. Saverence, H. E. Hartford; representatives to the supreme colony, H. E. Hartford and S. A. Smith.

Lincoln Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The semi-annual election of officers of Lincoln lodge, I. O. O. F., resulted last night as follows: Noble Grand, P. F. Gammel; vice grand, D. Wiggins, jr.; secretary, Geo. Harris; permanent secretary, Geo. Stott; trustee for three years, William Waller. Installation next Tuesday.

Reform Club Officers.

The Reform club elected officers for six months last night as follows: president, John H. Hogan (reelected;) vice president, Edward Purcell; recording secretary, Albert E. Sutcliffe; financial secretary, P. J. Ryan; trustee for 18 months, Edward Cronin; janitor, John Kenney.

Rev. Fr. McKenna has been selected as the speaker for next Sunday night.

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Every person in the audience will receive a suitable souvenir.
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Telephone 603-3. Tickets will be reserved until within 15 minutes of time of performance.
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Orders when left at office promptly attended to.

WANT COLUMN.

LOST—Between 50 Boott corporation and Bridge street, a pocketbook containing a sum of money. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 50 Boott corporation.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home, No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address R, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 8 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1600. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a home and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Alban Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—Just the place you want to make money on a 4 tenement block in Belvidere. Pays 12 per cent. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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FOR SALE—Good boarding and lodging house near John street. All new furniture and in good shape. 50 boarders. This is an excellent location for business. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop. Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

MOODY STREET BRIDGE HOUSE LOTS.
New Bridge will be completed in a few days. The electric road is being laid across the bridge. Sewers, gas, city water, etc. 70 houses have been built in the last 8 months, and a large number are being built at the present time. Don't delay, choice lots are going quick, prices are low, only 10, 12 and 15c. per foot, easy monthly payments. Call for plans, terms etc. On the land every afternoon.

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PHILIP J. FARLEY, Room 11, Barristers' Hall. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

JOSEPH W. LEACH, Room 13, Shedd's Block. Pianist and Teacher of Singing.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St., Opp. American House. Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

COURTNEY & COURTNEY, Mansur Block. Counsellors-at-Law. William F. Courtney. Henry S. Courtney.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:14; sets, 4:21.
Length of day—9h. 7m.
Moon rises—2:26 a. m.
Full sea—7:15 a. m. 8 p. m.
Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy weather; possibly light showers in western portion, with southwesterly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance. Donovan bl'd.

Fifty dress suits to let for parties and balls. Telephone 255. Cavanaugh and Dissault.

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Building materials are very low. You can get all mason's supplies of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, at low figures.

Begin the new year with a deposit in the Five Cent Savings bank. Interest begins next Saturday.

Loyal Excelsior Lodge.

Loyal Excelsior Lodge, M. U. I. O. O. F., elected the following officers at Monday evening's meeting: Grand master, Wm. Fielding; noble grand, Thomas W. Oxley; vice grand, Henry Wisbee; elective secretary, Frederick Gavin; permanent secretary, Joseph Whittaker; treasurer, John M. Dean; chaplain, J. M. Robinson; warden, Dr. C. L. Sweetser; delegate to district lodge, David Blakely.

The officers of the lodge voted to accept the invitation extended them by Loyal Victoria Lodge, M. U., I. O. O. F. to participate in its social Thursday evening.

BURGLARS CHASED

By Dogs in Billerica Centre and Escaped.

The burglars who entered John Bull's store in Billerica Centre, Monday night, also attempted to steal a horse and wagon from the barn at "Hillhurst," formerly the Stearns house, owned by C. A. Holt. They forced the door of the barn, but were set upon by Mr. Holt's dogs and made a hasty retreat. Mr. Holt was awakened by the noise and from his window saw the dogs chasing some one. He went to the barn and found the door open. It is thought the Bull store burglars were desirous of procuring a team with which to carry away their plunder. Constable Livingston is working on the case.

DIV. 8, A. O. H.

Has Elected Officers For the Ensuing Term.

The members of Division 8, A. O. H., the young men's division have elected the following officers: President, Michael F. Ronan; vice president, James Farrell; treasurer, Nicholas Soroghan; financial secretary, John O'Rourke, recording secretary, Patrick J. Riley; physician, Dr. T. F. Harrington; door keeper, Patrick Larner; spiritual director, Rev. Michael Ronan; sick committee, Thomas Dorsey, William H. Ronan, James Flaherin; finance committee, John J. Gaynor, Patrick Riley, William Dwyer; members to the Central council, Michael F. Ronan, John J. Gaynor, Nicholas Soroghan, John O'Rourke, Michael English.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Four more dejected or down hearted individuals could not be imagined than Councilmen George, Webster, Drewett and Hunton, Tuesday night, when the salary resolution passed and Mayor Courtney and City Solicitor Qua got a raise.

But Mr. Webster is defiant still. He has hopes that City Solicitor Qua will get his walking papers. The other evening he said: "If 'Billy' Curtin is only made city solicitor and Qua gets out, I will live high for one week."

Rev. George Costello of Brooklyn and Rev. John Delaney of Portsmouth, N. H., visited their homes in this city yesterday.

Henry J. O'Dowd, the Dutton street business man, is confined to his home by illness.

The young ladies of the Carnation carnival held a meeting in the Catholic Lyceum hall, last evening, and afterwards enjoyed dancing with the members.

HORSE GOSSIP.

An old time sport and horseman from Tewksbury who had read in yesterday's Sun the article on Long Meadow came into the Sun office last night with what he was pleased to term a little bit of history. The story bears out the statement that the meadow was a great place in years gone by and it is as follows:

As far back as 35 years ago the star trotter of this vicinity was "Little Rest," a pretty fast one, as fast ones went in these days, owned by L. R. Maynard, proprietor of the Farmers and Mechanics hotel of this city long since gone the way of many other famous old hostelries. No one in these parts thought there was anything about that could beat "Little Rest," in the half mile until one fateful day Pat Moley and Charlie Flanders, two horsefrom Brighton came up here and made a match for a horse of theirs named Highland Maid against Little Rest for a goodly purse. It was in winter and Long Meadow was the mecca of the horse men having shon as today a good half-mile straightaway track.

On the day of the race the Lowell sports went down to the meadow with all the money they could scrape together and they bet heavily. Moley and Flanders and a crowd of Boston sports were there and when there were Lowell men around they swore and complained at Highland Maid's poor condition, leading the guileless Lowell men to think they had a cinch and never failing to cover all Lowell money put up.

Then when the race came off Little Rest won the first heat easily and the spirits of the Lowell crowd rose above bounds, in the excitement no one noticing that Highland Maid had been "pulled" in the heat.

In the second heat Highland Maid won by a neck and then came the excitement. Everybody bet all he had and the sports were wild with excitement.

But why waste space on the rest. Highland Maid won the third heat easily and the Lowell crowd walked back to the city while Little Rest was put to work on a plough.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 51 MERK ST.

IN POLICE BOARD

Various Matters of Business Considered Last Night.

FISHER PEARSON COMPLAINS OF POLICE INTERFERENCE

At Caucuses—The Board Answers His Charge.

The police board met last evening and transacted but little business.

Winsfield S. Parker, 185 Middlesex street, was granted an auctioneer's license.

It was voted to revoke the common victualler's license of Peter Kupigian, 94 Middlesex street, he having left the city. The application of Cutting & Kearns, for a common victualler's license at 474 Merrimack street, was referred to the superintendent of police.

As Fisher H. Pearson accused certain officials of interfering in behalf of their favorites at the democratic caucuses, he sent the following letter to the board of police:

Lowell, Dec. 26.

To the Board of Police of Lowell:—

Gentlemen—I respectfully request that the police officers, if any, who are assigned to the various ward rooms tonight at the democratic caucuses, be ordered to refrain from violating the caucus laws of this commonwealth, by interfering in the proceedings of the caucuses. They should take orders only from the caucus, through its chairman, and I expect and demand that they do so. Yours, &c.,

FISHER H. PEARSON,
Chairman Democratic City Committee.

The following is the note of the Board of Police, in response to Mr. Pearson's note of suggestion:

Fisher H. Pearson, Esq., Chairman Democratic City Committee:

Dear sir:—Your communication of Dec. 28, was laid before the Board of Police this evening, the regular meeting of the body.

I am directed by the board to advise you that the officers of the Lowell police force are instructed at all times and in all places to observe and enforce the laws of this commonwealth, as far as it lies within their authority to do so. Police officers on duty at caucuses are instructed to protect property, conserve order, and prevent breaches of peace. The board pre-supposes the possession of common sense in its officers, and looks for the exercise of prudence and discretion on such occasion. A certain amount of noise and tumult is usually incidental among American voters in the exercise of their elective rights; and it is a principle of the franchise in this commonwealth than the voters assembled in caucus are the masters of their own acts and of their own assembly. For a police officer to meddle in the exercise of these rights, except to preserve the peace, would be an act at variance with the spirit of our laws.

Ordinarily the presiding officer of a caucus, duly chosen, would be the person to whom an officer would look in a certain sense, as the one to be supported in securing a lawful and orderly transaction of the business in hand; but a discreet and careful officer has to be assured that such chairman is regularly and properly chosen before he accepts instructions from him; and he has at all times to be certain that the requests made on his services by the chairman are not aids to factional success, nor a means of defeating the will of the majority of the voters assembled in caucus.

The board of police desires to assure you that the officers of the force will be at all times properly instructed in their duties, and that any complaint or dereliction of same will be promptly investigated.

Yours very respectfully,
JOSEPH SMITH, Clerk.

WILLIAM PENN A WINNER

HE WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

Taylor's Friends Will Support Him—Democrats Too Will Rally to Him—Taylor Says "He is a Winner"—Wants All Republicans to Stand by Him—White's Friends Are Obstinate—Ward Nine Had Three Votes in Caucus.

Unless every combination turns against him William H. Penn will be the next president of the common council

Penn's canvass is an active one; he showed strength early in the fight and has had additions to his ranks daily. Taylor, a new man from Ward 6 who was favorably considered for the place and actually announced his candidacy, will vote for Penn, and adds, "Penn will be a winner."

This was strongly impressed upon him when the faces lined up in the recent republican caucus.

White, all along regarded as the strongest republican candidate and picked for a winner, showed up the weakest. He failed to poll even the strength of his own ward, Sykes, a man from his own ward, being counted in the Penn column. Seventeen councilmen took part in the caucus, Butler Ames being the absentee. The first ballot showed 9 for Penn, 5 for Taylor and 3 for White. The next ballot held Penn's strength intact, with 6 for Taylor and 2 for White.

Taylor seeing the drift of affairs wanted Penn's candidacy endorsed unanimously.

White's friends objected and the caucuses ended abruptly. There will not be another. Taylor's action indicated his fairness of mind—beaten in caucus he is ready to stand by his party and use his influence for Penn's election.

I know of three democrats, too, who have registered under the Penn standard, and will not be forgotten when committee appointments are made.

A majority of the democrats favor standing by Councilman Miskella for a few ballots, but the consent of all cannot be obtained to this proposition because some had pledged themselves to Penn before they were acquainted with the procedure suggested by the other democrats.

Miantonomo Tribe Election.

Miantonomo tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, elected the following officers at its meeting Monday evening, the three last named for one year, the others for six months:

Prophet, L. T. Moody; sachem, George O. Spaulding; senior sagamore, F. L. Fletcher; junior sagamore, Hugh F. Fletcher; trustee for three years, Waldo Sargent; chief of records, Allan Dodge; keeper of wampum, J. F. Choate; collector of wampum, D. A. McFadgen.

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Is the original Sarsaparilla, the standard of the world. Others have imitated the remedy. They can't imitate the record.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Cholera has reappeared in Hong Kong.

The czar is opposed to active coercion in Turkey.

The Columbia National bank, Minneapolis, closed.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky intends to resign soon.

Hon. Edward Avery died at his residence in Boston.

The American Historical society convened in New York.

The wool business in Australia is reported greatly depressed.

Funeral services of Wyzeman Marshall were held at Boston.

William M. and John S. Van Nortwick assigned at Chicago.

Reasant & Wagner, merchants at Hollidaysburg, Pa., failed.

The Commercial National bank of Roanoke, Va., closed its doors.

Another highbinders' war has begun in Chinatown, San Francisco.

Sir James Grant declares that Queen Victoria is not in her dotage.

The American Tobacco company is getting into serious trouble in Canada.

Secretary Carlisle may be the next United States senator from Kentucky.

Isaac Zucker of Union Hill, N. J., sentenced to 36 years' imprisonment for incendiarism.

The New York aldermanic committee seems serious in its efforts in behalf of municipal ownership of gas works.

The 2-year-old son of Joseph Lemieux died at Westbrook, Me., from the effects of drinking a quantity of washing solution.

Frederick Freeman's house at Halifax Mass., was entered by thieves, who carried away $300 worth of clothing and silverware.

An attachment for $10,000, the second within two weeks, was placed on the Phoenix woolen mill property at East Greenwich, R. I.

The Medfield (Mass.) postmaster is said to be in charge of a postoffice inspector on the charge of converting government property to his own use.

Massachusetts is growing in population and property according to the secretary of state's 36th annual abstract of polls, property, taxes, etc.

Lansing W. Bancker, who enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest living clown, except Dan Rice, died at the Philadelphia almshouse. He was about 75 years old.

Special dispatches from Paris report that an American named Jurgen, who was formerly manager of the Eden Musee in New York, and who was well known in Paris theatrical circles, has committed suicide at his residence in the Champs Elysee.

The covenant, as well as the annual meeting, the first of its nature, of the Baptist churches of Coos county, N. H., was held at Whitefield yesterday. The sessions were of a business character, and in the evening the delegates were entertained at supper.

Several Massachusetts capitalists have purchased the franchise of the Kittery (Me.), Kittery Point and York Beach Electric Railroad company, and the work of construction will be commenced at once. An attempt is being made to acquire possession of the Portsmouth electric railroad franchise.

McKinley's Guard of Honor.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—When Major McKinley takes the oath of office on March 4 his personal escort will be formed of the Chicago Hussars squadron and the Cleveland Grays, Cleveland's crack organization. This matter was considered early by President-elect McKinley. Each of these bodies offered its escort. Finally the Grays were selected. The Grays deliberated and then decided it would be the nice thing to invite the Hussars to share the duty with them. All the members of the escort will be mounted on black horses, and they count on making an effective display. The Hussars will stop over the way home at New York for one day, and perhaps give a fancy drill.

Railway Company Wins.

Decatur, Ills., Dec. 30.—Judge Edward P. Vall yesterday gave his decision in quo warranto proceedings of the people of the state of Illinois against the Decatur and Eastern Railway company, otherwise Indianapolis, Decatur and Western. The judge decided for the defendant company, thus confirming it in the ownership of property worth nearly $3,000,000. It was set up that the company now was not legally incorporated, that it had usurped its franchises, that the Decatur and Eastern had been unlawfully consolidated with the Decatur and Indiana.

Bath's Social Sensation.

Bath, Me., Dec. 30.—This city is stirred up by a sensational scandal in high social circles. The story which is being circulated concerns John O. Patten, a wealthy and prominent citizen, and the pretty wife of Dr. Percy W. Roberts, and the case will probably go to the divorce court. It was about three years ago that Dr. Roberts and his wife came to Bath from Massachusetts. Mrs. Roberts' folks live in Newton, in that state. Dr. Roberts is about 35 years of age, and prepossessing, and is a homoeopathic phylician, having an extensive practice among the very best people of the city. Mrs. Roberts is pretty, fascinating and clever. Mrs. Roberts is said to be in Newton and Patten is thought to be in Boston.

Kate Field's Ashes.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Kate Field's ashes is speeding eastward in charge of General Charles H. Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe. The remains of the celebrated woman literateur, editor and journalist, are encased and locked in a small cylindrical jar of polished copper. There is no inscription on the shining surface of the improvised urn.

Pledged to Kimball.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Friends of James W. Kimball of Lynn, candidate for clerk of the house of representatives, have the signatures of 91 Republican members of the next house to a paper pledging them to his candidacy.

Dr. Harwood Dying.

New Haven, Dec. 30.—Rev. Dr. Edwin Harwood, rector emeritus of Trinity church, who lies unconscious at his residence here, is sinking hourly, and his death is expected at any moment.

HARVARD'S STRONG TEAM.

College Chess Much Better Than Expected—Harvard Wins Four Games.

New York, Dec. 30.—Yesterday the second round of the intercolleginte tournament was played at the Columbia grammar school, there being a very good attendance of local enthusiasts, including many ladies. When the referee, Eugene Delmar, arrived, he adjudicated upon the game left unfinished Monday night in the second last round, giving the decision to Southard, a verdict which was accepted in a true sportsmanlike spirit.

In the second round the players were paired as follows: Parker (C.) vs. Lehlbach (Y.), Seymour (P.) vs. Ryder (H.), Price (C.) vs. Southard (H.), Murdoch (Y.) vs. Young (H.).

After the games had been well under way the spectators were surprised to see such really good chess played on all the boards, and it became evident that the students have greatly improved in strength since last they met in this city. In fact, there is no doubt that yesterday's college chess was the best showing since these contests were inaugurated.

In yesterday's play Seymour relied on a Ruy Lopez in his game against Ryder, and got much the better of the opening, as Ryder had difficulty in defending the really fine attacking combinations of his adversary. Just when within an ace of scoring, Seymour, however, made a slip, losing all his stronghold and a piece into the bargain, and after 47 moves Ryder won.

A Dutch opening, played by Southard against Price on the third board, was excellently played by both men in the early part of the game. Then Price, by being rather careless, lost the exchange. Now the Harvard man gained rapidly in position, and after 29 moves Price resigned.

Young started a French defence when called upon by Murdoch to reply to P—K 4, and a well-contested game ensued, in which neither side could claim any advantage up to the 26th move. Then Murdock gained a pawn, a general exchange of pieces followed, and Young resigned after 56 moves.

On the first board Parker opened with a queen's gambit against Lehlbach. Like on the rest of the boards, play was evenly contested for several hours. On his 23d move Lehlbach made a great mistake, losing two pieces for a rook. Just before the call of time Parker blundered and lost the game after 46 moves.

The scores to date are: Columbia—won 1, lost 3; Harvard—won 4, lost 0; Yale—won 2, lost 2; Princeton—won 1, lost 3.

The pairing for today in the third round as follows: Parker (C.) vs. Seymour (P.), Lehlbach (Y.) vs. Ryder (H.), Price (C.) vs. Murdoch (Y.), Young (P.) vs. Southard (H.).

Hand Tennis Games.

New York, Dec. 30.—Play in the second round of the New York Athletic club's hand tennis tournament was continued yesterday, and nearly all of the games were hotly contested. F. L. Donohue succeeded, after a most interesting struggle, in defeating C. G. Bothner. F. G. Booth and G. M. Boynton were the next pair. After 20 innings Booth captured the honors by a single point. This was the longest game of the tournament. Boynton gathered himself together and won both of the other games with comparative ease.

That Big McKinley Horn.

Canton, O., Dec. 30.—The big tin horn which attracted so much attention in the Illinois campaign reached here yesterday, borne by the men of Decatur, Ills., who set Nov. 16 to make the trip and carry the horn to Canton. The horn is 30 feet long and has a bell six feet in diameter, and it requires about a dozen men to blow it. The men are laborers, two of them being carpenters, two tinners and two painters. It was a condition of their undertaking that the citizens of Decatur would contribute a purse of $1000 in event an equal sum were raised by the men while on the march to Canton. But the men have not had smooth sailing. They declared that up to the time they reached Indianapolis they had good success in selling pictures of the horn and in other contributions, but that since that time they have not made expenses. The hospitality shown them has been generous, with but very few exceptions. They have been met by bands and drum corps and other organizations in the states through which they passed. The men soon after reaching the city went to the McKinley home and presented the horn to the president-elect, who received the visitors very cordially. On account of the incessant rainfall no demonstration was made.

Athletes Reinstated.

New York, Dec. 30. — An adjourned meeting of the board of managers of the American Athletic union was held in the Astor House last night. A letter from L. F. Rooney of the Seventh regiment was read, asking for reinstatement of the regiment's athletes. By an almost unanimous vote they were reinstated. They are Snedeker, the quarter miler; Sands, who does the same distance; Lyons, who is good for a quarter or a half; Sweigler, the hurdler, and Cadmus, the great half-mile runner. The board also reinstated L. F. Johnson of the Cathedral L. and A., and C. E. Hambleton of the Williamsburg Athletic club. The board also sanctioned the following games: Jan. 11, New West Side Athletic club, boxing; Jan. 23, Fourteenth regiment, games; Feb. 13, New Jersey Athletic club, games; Feb. 17, Knickerbocker Athletic club, games; Feb. 22, Knickerbocker Athletic club, cross country run; Feb. 24, Knickerbocker Athletic club, exhibition.

100th Anniversary of Church.

Belfast, Me., Dec. 30.—The First Congregational church of Belfast celebrated its 100th anniversary of parish organization yesterday. This is one of the oldest churches in the state.

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Henpeck: "My wife's a boss wife too."

Thoroughbred Cattle Infected.

Portland, Me., Dec. 30.—The Maine cattle commissioners met yesterday at Westbrook and investigated the condition of the lungs of Mr. Libby's valuable herd of thoroughbred cattle, reported to be affected with tuberculosis. The committee decided to kill 40 out of the 50 animals, but they will not be slaughtered until after Thursday. The state will reimburse Mr. Libby for the animals killed.

Maine Reports Received.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 30.—The governor and council were in session at the state house yesterday afternoon. The annual reports were received from the reform school, state prison and the land agent. Considerable business other than the routine work was transacted. The session adjourned to meet this morning, at which time other reports and one pardon hearing will be brought up.

Inventor Graves Dead.

Townsend Center, N. H., Dec. 30. — John B. Graves, the inventor of the feather edging machine for shoes, died yesterday, aged 80 years. He had quite a reputation as a machinist in his young days. He resided nearly his whole life at Marblehead, Mass., and served through the war as an officer of the Fourth Massachusetts Heavy artillery. He leaves a large family.

An Indiscreet Official.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen last night Mayor Field removed Registrar of Voters C. B. Davis from office, and his action was confirmed. The cause of the removal was an indiscreet letter written by Davis to Mayor Field during the recent municipal campaign.

Hartford Yale Alumni.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Hartford Yale Alumni association was held last night, and Charles E. Goss was chosen president, Harrison B. Freeman, vice president, and Charles P. Cooley, secretary and treasurer. The date of the annual alumni banquet will be decided later.

Attempted Train Wreck.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 30.—Two large pieces of iron were found to have been wedged between rail ends of the Portland and Rumford Falls railroad Monday afternoon after a train had crossed near a deep ravine at Buckfield. The engineer, feeling the jar, stopped the train.

The Ice Was Thin.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—Nellie Durll, aged 15, daughter of Alex Durll, Harbison avenue, was drowned in the Connecticut river yesterday afternoon. She skated on thin ice and went through and was immediately swept under the ice. Her body has not been recovered.

Letter Box Thief.

Boston, Dec. 30.—John Cooper, 68 years old, claiming to live in New York, was arrested last night on a charge of breaking open a letter box. Upon being searched, seven packages of letters were found upon him. The United States postal officials were notified.

Colonel Waring at Newport.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 30.—Colonel G. E. Waring, Jr., street cleaning commissioner of New York city, spoke before the Business Men's association here last night on his work and the difficulties he had to overcome to bring about political reform. He said among other things that if Tammany hall should again get into power it would not dare to interfere with his department. He further said that all departments in all cities should be run in the same manner to make municipal government a success.

New Counterfeits.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Chief Hazen of the secret service has issued a circular warning against a new counterfeit $10 national bank note on the Union National bank of Detroit. The note is the product of the same hand that produced the recent counterfeit on the National Bank of Commerce of New York. One distinguishing feature is that the back of the note is upside down.

Cadets at Inauguration.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lamont has issued the usual order to the superintendent of the military academy to have the entire corps of cadets proceed from West Point to Washington at the proper time to participate in the inaugural ceremonies of the president-elect.

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All the accumulated odd lots, ends of lines, soiled or mussed lots and, such like scattering merchandise will go cheap Friday. Watch the papers for further announcement.
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Every housekeeper in Lowell and within 25 miles of Lowell will be interested in our offerings Friday. Watch the papers. It will pay you.
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A letter to be published Friday will tell of a purchase at 25c. on the dollar of a stock of merchandise from a prominent Lowell firm. Watch the papers. Read the letter.
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Every horse owner in Lowell will find something interesting in Friday's happenings at our store. Watch the papers.
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Manufacturers and jobbers have sought us the past ten days to exchange our cash for their stocks at a tremendous sacrifice to them. Friday's papers will tell the story.
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Sorting and rearranging a stock bought at 25c. on the dollar means a lot of work, but we are equal to the occasion and will be ready Friday. Watch the papers for particulars.
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A concern with cash in hand to buy goods at any time has a great advantage over those seeking long dating on their bills, but in these days of depression cash buyers have a double advantage, we will prove it Friday. At 8.30 Friday morning we'll be ready for you. Watch the papers Friday.
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Can you believe your neighbors?
Read this statement made by a citizen:
Mrs. Mary Gard of No. 4 Noble's court, says:
"I was told that my trouble was kidney complaint. I had a dreadful backache, a soreness over my lions. Then I was troubled with headaches and dizziness; it was painful to bend over; my back ached nights and prevented my sleeping. When I was about my work I wanted to sit down, for that tired feeling hung over me all the time. I had these symptoms for about a year and a half before I got those Doan's Kidney Pills at Ellingwood & Co's., corner of Central and Merrimack streets. They began to help me from the first. I continued taking them till I found there were no pains or aches left. They are a splendid thing for backache. My little girl's kidneys were always weak. The secretion annoyed her every little while, and it became most embarassing to the child. It struck me that Doan's Kidney Pills might be good for her, and I gave them to her. Now she is perfectly cured. I did not have to give her many. I think there is nothing like Doan's Kidney Pills. You can use my name as endorsing them."
Doan's Kidney Pills are sold by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box. Sent by mail on receipt of price. Foster, Milburn Co., sole agents for the United States, Buffalo, N. Y.
Remember the name, Doan's and take no other.

TARIFF HEARINGS.

Now Commenced at Washington—Tiresome Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Yesterday's meeting of the ways and means committee was devoted to the consideration of silk and cotton schedules. A. E. Sanford of Fall River, Mass., representing the Cotton Yarn Spinners' association, presented a long written statement, and was questioned. He complained of ad valorem duties, which permit undervaluation in invoices. Simeon B. Chase, also of Fall River, appeared on behalf of cotton cloth makers. He said those he represented did not ask for an increase in duty, but the maker of finer grades of cloth are not sufficiently protected. R. C. Hovey of New York appeared for the Textile Manufacturers' association, and argued for a return to specific duties. He asserted that honest manufacturers are at the mercy of dishonest importers. The sugar schedule will be taken up today.

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Greatest Clearance Watch Sale Of The Year

One lot Gents' Watches $2.75
Advertised as $10.00 Watches.

One lot Ladies' Fine Gold Filled Watches, Elgin or Waltham movement, $9.75
each at this sale. Advertised as worth $20. These are rare bargains at this price.

One lot Gents' Gold Filled Watches, guaranteed A, No. 1 in every detail, only $13.50
Usually sold for $20.

One lot Adamantine Black Marbelized Clocks, 8 day, cathedral gong, 1-2 hour strike, good value at $10, will last a lifetime. Our clearance sale price for what are left $6.50

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Small Choice Lots of Christmas Umbrellas

In Dresden Handles, Silver Trimmed. Also some with Gold and Silver Knobs and Congo Handles. Will be sold at this Great Clearance Sale for about

HALF PRICE

There are many choice articles in our immense stock we do not care to carry over, and they will be closed out at prices that will astonish you.

Lowell's beautiful women throng our establishment daily. The attractions are here and the merry peals of laughter, ringing in musical rhythm, show the pleasure begot by the crowds of purchasers. As we hinted before, this sale cannot last forever, and the little and pretty things that grace "my lady's toilet table" are to be bought at ideal bargain prices.

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FIRST EDITION

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Court General Shields, F. of A.

At one of the largest meetings ever held in Foresters' hall, Court Gen. Shields elected the following officers last evening:

C. R., John Doulan; S. C., Felix McParland; treasurer, John A. O'Hearn; F. S., James R. Sullivan; R. S., Anthony

JOHN J. DONLON

Re-elected Chief Ranger of Court Gen'l Shields.

Clark; S. W., Martin Flaherty; J. W., Frank McGaughy; S. B., James Horn; J. B., James E. Lang; trustees for three years, Michael Moran; for one year, Jas. Baxter; physician, Andrew J. Halpin.

John J. Donlon, re-elected chief ranger of Court General Shields, F. of A. has a high standing in Forestry circles.

He is a charter member of Court General Shields and previous to its organization was connected with Court Merrimack. He was the first recording secretary of Court General Shields, afterwards served on the board of trustees and was in the executive council for one year. He served two terms as chief ranger in 1891, was again elected last June, and for the fourth time was honored on Tuesday evening. No other Forester in this city can boast of such service as chief ranger.

The court was organized in Febuary, 1890 and has 450 members.

Dadman and Dowd will catch the crowd in Saturday's great cartoon.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Protect your family and yourself against future want. Deposit in the Savings Department of the Traders' National Bank on or before January 2d (Saturday), at 9 p. m. Receive interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum commencing January 1st, and compounding twice each year. Savings Department open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m. Banking Rooms cor. Middlesex street and Postoffice avenue.

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600	60.00	51.00	42.00	7 cents
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800	69.00	60.00	51.00	5 cents
900	72.00	63.00	54.00	5 cents
1000	75.00	66.00	57.00	4 cents
1100	78.00	69.00	60.00	4 cents
1200	81.00	72.00	63.00	4 cents
1300	84.00	75.00	66.00	4 cents
1400	87.00	78.00	69.00	4 cents
1500	90.00	81.00	72.00	4 cents
1600	93.00	84.00	75.00	4 cents
1700	96.00	87.00	78.00	4 cents
1800	99.00	90.00	81.00	4 cents

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The above rates give to the subscriber communication from his station to any subscriber's station of the Exchange, but not to Public Pay Stations.

Rates heretofore made for full service in connection with the Lowell Exchange remain unchanged.

Information in detail can be obtained of Exchange Manager.

J. N. KELLER, General Manager.

MATRIMONIAL.

A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Charles E. Farrington, 20 Webster street, yesterday afternoon, when his daughter, Miss Gertrude M. Farrington was united in marriage with Henry I. Pollard, of the Middlesex company, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. K. Stratton of St. Paul's church.

The house was tastefully decorated with palms and potted plants by Patten & Co. The bride, attired in white silk, was attended by Miss Mathews, who wore white chiffon over yellow India silk. The wedding march was played by E. E. Adams.

After the ceremony a reception was held and later the happy couple departed upon their weeding tour. On their return they will reside at 102 Jenness street.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the future home of the happy couple at 160 Andover street where a bridal supper was served only immediate relatives being present. They took the 9.30 train for their honeymoon and on their return from a tour of New York and Washington will be at home on Wednesdays in January. On January 6 they will give a wedding reception to their many friends.

Among the many valuable gifts received by the happy couple were the following;

Lacey-Keefe.

The marriage of J. Joseph Lacey, the widely known and esteemed manager of the basement department of the Bon Marche, and Miss Nellie Keefe, a fair daughter of Billerica Centre and head sales lady of the silverware department, occurred last evening at 6.30 in the pretty chapel of the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Joyce, O.M.I., tieing the nuptial knot.

The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Lacey, a sister of the groom, while Mr. Louis Keefe, brother of the bride, was best man. The bride was becomingly attired in an attractive travelling gown of Persian velveteen, with trimmings of velvet and lace. She wore a brown picture hat and carried a bouquet of hyacinths. The bridesmaid wore a silk gown of delicate green, with pink trimmings and carried carnations. The presents were;

Conversation chair, ice cream set, water set, water set, silver pudding dish, gravy ladle and cold meat fork from the employes of the Bon Marche basement, $50 in gold from the other clerks in the Bon Marche, Morris chair from Mr. and Mrs. William F. Courtney, couch from Mr. Peter J. Brady, willow chair, Miss Mary Leary, lace picture throw, Mrs. Charles S. O'Regan, Haviland dinner set, Mr. P. J. Farrell, silver service, Mr. Louis Keefe, onyx table from parents of bride, porcelain plaque, handpainted, Mrs. McDonald, five o'clock tea service, Misses Agnes Cavanaugh and Mary Owens, parlor coal box, Mr. Arthur Stetson, full line of kitchen ware in enamel ware, Mr. B. F. Hicks of Baltimore, dozen cut glass goblets, Miss Katie McElligott, pair of diamond earrings from the groom, necklace, with garnet brooch, Mrs. Tom Dalton, rugs from the Misses Dolan, carving set with silver trimmings, Mr. Jere. Tompkins, case of champagne, Mr. J. F. Curtis, dining room table, Mr. John Sheenan and the 110 Club, Haviland fruit dish, Miss Margaret Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Doucet-Mead.

At St. Joseph's church yesterday morning, Rev. Fr. Amyot, O. M. I., united in marriage Miss Katherine Mead and Mr. Ernest Doucet. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Park house on Moody street. The young couple left on the 11 o'clock train for Boston on a wedding trip.

Courtney and Bennett, of course they are in it, in Saturday's great cartoon.

Have you Heard.

One lady asked another on Merrimack street yesterday: "Do you know what stock O'Donnell & Gilbride Company bought at 25 cents on the dollar?" The other lady replied: "Watch Friday's papers; you will learn about it."

A Remarkable Article.

Although many remedies and other so-called cures for dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia and other blood, liver and kidney diseases have been sold in Lowell for years, yet none have given more relief than Zyno, the great Mexican blood tonic, that is given away at 32 Central street to advertize.

WHENCE DEFEAT?

Rev. Park A. Bradford on Silver Cause.

HE GIVES FOUR REASONS FOR DEMOCRATIC DEFEAT.

But Prophesies Victory Four Years Hence.

Permit me to suggest some reasons why bimetalism failed of endorsement in the late election. And first I would notice ignorance; not a want of intelligence but a want of information and with it a lack of time to study into the various phases of finance—for instance money, its nature, function, value, kinds, volume, etc.

A careful study of our financial history in detail and in chronological order with notes and explanations is sufficient for the average American of today.

The failure of bimetallism at this time was perhaps best, as I believe ultimately every honest man will come to the same platform upon this important question. All parties four years hence will declare for it and by that time—transportation, municipal, state and national, will have pushed itself to the front. As also land, foreign ownership and taxation.

The people seem not to care particularly for a specific kind of money so much as for reduction of transportation rates and land taxes. This would benefit both producer and consumer—would hasten early shipments of all products and tend to prevent cornering. The farmer too, needs protection—until such time as other countries arrive at the same level as we in this country.

There is far more reason for international agreement upon tariff than upon money—though the ideal and soon to be practical system will embrace both. Arbitration treaties are the great foundation stones upon which universal peace and prosperity are to come to mankind.

Peace congresses are good, but peace will come surer and sooner by an international congress of civilized nations agreeing first to arbitrate all issues, second to arrange a tariff upon just principles to all, to operate for ten years when another congress of the same nature may meet, and last but not least perhaps to give the world one monetary system.

This may seem ideal but we live in an age when the ideal of yesterday is the real of today, and the realization becomes a higher plain from which new and grander ideals are discovered.

The second reason which I think prevented the success of bi-metallism at the last election was the distrust engendered by the present administration. It impressed thousands of thinking people as an administration of self interest—so thoroughly self centred that some of its members are not free from the charge of gigantic exhibitions of greed and vice, bordering upon fraud. And to cap the climax, the chief executive dares defy congress and forestall its action by saying "veto" to a bill for the recognition of Cuba while yet in the hands of the committee on foreign relations.

Men everywhere were afraid of another administration bearing the same party name. The article did bear the same label, but it was not a spurious article as many seemed to think. It was in spirit if not in letter—Jeffersonian.

A third reason for the late check upon bimetalism, is party prejudice. Many men who believed in bimetalism were so strongly attached to the old party that though they saw clearly with their understanding, their heart strings would not sever from old ties. We cannot censure these men. All that is dear to them in their political and largely in their social life had its birth and growth and will have its death only upon the side they voted. One of the most glorious pages of history is emblazoned with their parties' name.

And the fourth reason I would ascribe to the staying of the cause of free silver was:

The plank objecting to the introduction of federal troops into any of our states during riot and danger to property and life.

I do not disparage the rights of labor—their right to organize, to strike, to arbitrate—their right to do any and all acts which any corporation has. But thousands of men said "I cannot vote for that, for if that ticket carries and a riot breaks out in a given state, everything—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness will be unperilled, and if the governor of that state chooses, no federal force can come into the state and no force of militia can act without his order; then the people for protection would be left to a vigilance committee and all law, even by-law, abiding citizens must be abrogated. A conservative platform, backed by a liberal progressive spirit, will best forward the interests of reform.

Bimetallism had, like the camel, these few straws too many.

In the future this great issue must have a fair chance by itself, as an issue, and from present indications there is ground for hope that it is a living and growing question. It is more than a party question, hence when the new congress shall meet the country has a right to expect something in the nature of a forward step.

It is also more than a national question. It is beyond doubt an international issue, and every effort should be put forth to secure co-operation by other countries.

Germany, France and Japan and all the American republics might respond first, and if England and a few other countries refuse to come into the bimetallic union let them suffer the loss of trade, which must inevitably result.

A little arbitration or spirit of concession by each side in the coming congress might eventuate in some definite and wise legislation. If the one side would consent to the re-enactment of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law for the purchasing of silver for coinage—and the other would allow such tariff legislation as was in the bounds of reason, something would be done, and who can deny that it would give new life to our well nigh paralyzed industries.

By re-enacting these simple measures we would avoid experiments because they have had a test.

This may be all that we can reasonably look for during the coming administration. It cannot deny this one hope and not condemn itself to doom and dishonor.

PARK A. BRADFORD.

Fortieth Anniversary.

Another year has dawned upon us. It is the 40th that has seen us selling dry goods on Merrimack street. We intend to celebrate this event by holding the greatest sale and quoting the lowest prices on black and colored dress goods, linings, linens, etc. ever held by us. Besides we need the money and must get it. You know as well as we do that we sell honest goods. If you are a careful buyer you will keep your eye on our store during this anniversary sale. All goods are marked in plain figures and here are a few of our reductions to commence Friday, Jan. 1st. Every piece of goods marked in stock now 25c., anniversary price 15c.; all marked 50c., anniversary price 31c.; all marked 75 and 87 1-2c., anniversary price 49c.; all marked $1.00, anniversary price 69c.; all marked $1.25, anniversary price 89c.; all marked $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00, including our black crepons, anniversary price $1.09; cloakings just half price. Remember every piece of goods is marked in plain figures and these prices are bona fide. No discount from these prices. Every article marked down. Sale to commence Friday, Jan. 1st.

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The Black Goods House of Lowell.

J. V. KEYES. J. S. BANFORD.

Read Won First Prize.

Last night the Highland club billiard tournament ended and W. A. Read won first prize, a marble clock; Charlton got second, a meerchaum pipe, and Hawes received a silver match safe.

Catarrh

Is just as surely a disease of the blood as is scrotula. So say the best authorities. How foolish it is, then, to expect a cure from snuffs, inhalants, etc. The sensible course is to purify your blood by taking the best blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has permanently cured Catarrh in a multitude of cases. It goes to the root of the trouble, which is

Impure Blood.

"I have been afflicted with nasal catarrh which caused me severe headaches nearly every day. After trying numerous remedies without benefit, I decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. When I had taken three or four bottles I was completely cured of the catarrh and headaches." N. G. EGGLESTON, Rapid City, S. Dak.

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Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

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FORESTERS MEET

To Celebrate the Thirteenth Anniversary

OF COURT MIDDLESEX, F. OF A., AT THEIR HALL.

Addresses by Prominent Officials of the Order.

Thirteen years ago, Court Middlesex, F. of A., was organized. The anniversary of this event was celebrated last evening and six hundred members took part.

The Foresters are not a superstitious lot, and therefore they were not the least disturbed because it was their thirteenth anniversary.

Chief Ranger Edward J. McGann called the gathering to order and extended to all a genuine Foresters' welcome—an invitation to make yourself at home.

He announced that the exercises would be informal and he trusted that they would enjoy themselves.

John W. McEvoy, Esq., was introduced as presiding officer, and delivered a graceful speech of acceptance.

He introduced Supreme Chief Ranger Lawrence J. Smith, who explained Forestry principles to the assemblage and dwelt upon the growth of the order, particularly in this city. The other speakers were Supreme Secretary E. M. McMurtry, F. S., Wm. J. Johnson, G. T., Wm. H. Harrigan.

HUGH J. LEONARD.

Elected Chief Ranger of Court Middlesex F. of A.

Recitations were given by Patrick Reilly and Martin Crowe; songs by John McManus, Joseph Murphy, J. P. Fallon, James Daly, George Maguire, John Murray and William B. Ready.

During the exercises cigars were passed around, and refreshments were served.

The officers of the court for the next six months are: chief ranger, Hugh J. Leonard; sub chief ranger, P. F. Kennedy; treasurer, James W. Finnegan; financial secretary, William J. Johnson; recording secretary, Patrick O'Leary; senior warden, John J. Driscoll; junior warden, Charles H. McCullough; senior beadle, Charles Connors; junior beadle, John Gilley; trustee for three years, Frank J. Campbell; physician, Dr. Edward J. Welsh.

Mr. Hugh J. Leonard, the new chief ranger of Court Middlesex is a prominent business man, a member of the firm of Leonard & McGann, grocers on Gorham street.

LOCAL NOTES.

Webster and White have made up the fight. See Saturday's funny cartoon.

The children of the High street church had their Christmas tree and annual entertainment last evening.

Do You Know What It Is?

A reporter learning that the O'Donnell & Gilbride Co. were preparing for some important event, called the firm by telephone yesterday, and the reply received was, watch our advertisement in Friday's papers for particulars.

THE XMAS TREE

You need not feel any hesitation in hanging such Shoes as we will recommend on any Xmas tree in the city.

For children, for women and for men we have a particularly fine line of Xmas Footwear that would make any tree proud to branch out with such a display.

A useful present is remembered long after Brick-Bruck is forgotten.

We are particularly emphatic about our Men's Slippers. No store in the land can show you anything better than Miller & Ober's slippers for fit, work and style—We have them here, but at less price. And as for Women's Slippers—from the dainty to the comfortable you can find here, and each the best of its class.

Felt Romeos, Fur trimmed, are in great demand. We had a large supply, but it is getting exhausted. So it is with the Misses' and Children's of the same width, browale heads. If you want variety in Xmas Footwear, visit

O'SULLIVAN BROS.,

Opposite City Hall.

DISCORD IS RIFE

In the Ranks of the State Committee.

A CALL FOR A MEETING TOMORROW.

Dual Convention Troubles Renewed.

Boston, Dec. 31.—A conference having for its object a compromise of all contending factions of the Democratic party in this state, with an ultimate end of the reorganization of the party, was held last night by several district members of the new state Democratic committee. One of the objects accomplished was the issuance of a call to their colleagues on this committee, as follows:

To the District Members of the Democratic State Committee of 1897:

The undersigned, members-elect of the Democratic state central committee, acting as we believe for the best interests of the party, take the liberty to request all the district members of the said body to meet at the American House at 8 p. m. Friday, Jan. 1, to consider what attitude it would be best to take regarding the seats contested by the Music hall and Faneuil hall conventions; and in this connection we desire to call your attention to the following facts:

The Democratic state committee is a quasi public body whose members must be duly chosen in accordance with the statutes. Chapter 489 of the acts of 1895, section 3, provides, "said committee to consist of at least one member from each senatorial district, to be elected at the convention held for the nomination of a senator from said district," etc.

Accordingly, the district members have alone the unqualified right to decide, free and untrammeled by outside influences upon the relative merits of the contests, upon the relative merits of the contesting parties. The settlement of this question, however, involves more than the consideration of individuals—it involves the further perpetuation of Democratic principles in this state. We believe that if the factions interested in this matter cannot compromise, it is the duty of the district members to take the matter in hand and compel a settlement. The Democratic principles must not be sacrificed to mere factional quarrels. We think that a little consideration will convince all interested parties that a pursuance of the present tactics can only result in the disruption of the party.

In calling this conference we wish to disclaim any prsonal motives other than our desire to see harmony established. We earnestly hope that every member who indorses this action will be present and assist us in accomplishing the desired result.

The call is signed by John F. Cusick of Brookline, John M. Hayes of Abington and John V. Scollard of Braintree.

In regard to the above call the members signing it state that the late hour prevented the securing of more signatures to it, but they are certain that the call will meet with the hearty approval of a majority of the committee.

Libel Suit Dismissed.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The libel suit of ex-Mayor John P. Hopkins against John R. Tanner, governor-elect, was dismissed yesterday. The suit, which grew out of the state campaign of 1894, was dismissed by stipulation and without costs to either of the parties. A circular was sent out by Tanner, as chairman of the Republican state central committee, and alleged that money had been extorted by Hopkins, then mayor of Chicago, from the gamblers and other vicious elements of Chicago to swell the Democratic campaign fund. Tanner filed a plea in which were the names of many gamblers, who, it is alleged, were assessed on the plea of justification.

Bicycle Race at Troy.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The 72-hour bicycle race which was started here last night in Bolton hall attracted a large crowd. There was considerable enthusiasm. The starters in the long distance race were William Jordan and Chris Bohuett of Lansingburg, E. C. Freeman, A. W. A. Elks of Saratoga, George Barber of Cohoes, Peter Golden of New York and William Cartwright of Syracuse. The men were sent away on their journey by Superintendent Willard of the Troy police. Freeman promptly went to the fore at a rattling clip.

Gallinger Confident of Re-election.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 31.—United States Senator J. H. Gallinger has returned to this city to look after his re-election, which will come, he says he feels sure, by the unanimous voice of the Republican senatorial caucus. He does not expect to return to Washington for two weeks at least. Senator Gillinger said he had no doubt that the Cameron Cuban resolutions would pass the senate before March 4. The senator is equally confident that a tariff bill will be passed at the extra session.

Nutmeg State Schools.

Hartford, Dec. 31.—The Connecticut school fund entered upon the second century of its existence with the present year, and according to the report of Commissioner Herbert E. Denton there has been distributed according to constitutional provision among the schools of the state the sum of $9,349,390. The original capital of the funds made available by the sale by the state of its western reserve lands in Ohio, Sept. 2, 1795, was $1,200,000, which has since increased to $2,008,048.

Penobscot Ice Industry.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 31.—There is a fine freeze on the Penobscot, the ice extending about three miles down from Bangor. It is smooth and clear, and ranges from 8 to 13 inches in thickness. The harvest will probably be smaller than usual, as prices have ruled very low for years past, while 75,000 tons of old ice is still in the houses.

Six Counterfeiters Caught.

New York, Dec. 31.—Six counterfeiters were arrested here yesterday while at work making spurious coin. Among them were William Warren, aged 57, a noted maker of bad money, and Martin Leonard, aged 75, who was released from prison in Buffalo about a month ago. Leonard has spent more than 20 years of his life in prison.

2 O'CLOCK

MACEO IS ALIVE

Was Wounded and is Now in Hospital.

DANGER IS PAST AND HIS RECOVERY CERTAIN.

Cubans Reported His Death For His Safety.

Key West, Dec. 31.—The startling information came here last night by steamer that Maceo is alive. It was received by awaiting Cubans on the wharf with joyful shouts, and is given some credence.

The rumors of his death, which were received with incredulity, are being dissipated by information reaching Havana daily, giving accurate details.

It is now stated that when he fell from his horse his followers thought him dead, but afterward found he was still alive, but spread the report that he was dead, in order to carry his body off with safety. Under a strong escort, it is alleged, he was carried to Siguanea hospital, where, under the skilful treatment of Drs. Fermin Valdez and Pancho Dominguez, he is recuperating. The acute period, it is said, has now passed, as he had only one serious wound, in the stomach.

Further details of the allegations say that the other wounds in his jaw and his back caused only a slight injury, as no bones were fractured.

Zertucha's treachery is becoming more apparent daily. It is said that Maceo's first words when he was able to speak was to order the capture of Dr. Zertucha, but the latter had gone to the Spanish lines.

The story here says that young Gomez was killed by a bayonet thrust, and did not stab himself.

Spanish Meditation.

London, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of The Chronicle at Washington, in a cable dispatch to that paper, declares that there is no doubt that Spain has unofficially, through Dupuy de Lome, its minister, promised to accept the United States' mediation directly after General Weyler has cleared the province of Pinar Del Rio of rebels, and then to grant anything short of actual independence for Cuba. This dispatch then continues: None of the European powers have protested against American intervention in Cuba. On the contrary, Mr. Olney has been assured of their approval, England, however, remaining strictly neutral. The reports of a European protest were inspired by Mgr. Martinelli, the pontifical delegate in the United States.

Bimetallist Conference Bill.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Republican caucus committee appointed to draft a measure providing for an international conference to secure the reestablishment of bimetallism was in session for two hours yesterday, and when it adjourned had agreed upon a bill to be presented to the Republican caucus, which will be held soon after the assembling of congress next Tuesday. The bill agreed upon is brief and merely confers upon the president the right to appoint delegates "to any conference which may be called which has for its object the re-establishment of bimetallism." It does not distribute the selection of delegates, as did the legislation of the Fifty-third congress, between the president and the two houses of congress, and moreover leaves the number to be selected entirely to the discretion of the president.

Scandal About Wanamaker.

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.—A sensation was created here last night when E. A. Van Valkenberg, one of the Wanamaker managers, was arrested on a charge of bribery. The information for Van Valkenberg's arrest was made by C. A. Gibson, before J. J. Guebler, a Pottsville justice of the peace, and the Wanamaker manager is charged with attempting to bribe Representative Webster C. Weiss early in December. Mr. Van Valkenberg demanded an immediate hearing, and guarded by four detectives he was taken before Mayor Patterson, who declined to take bail for a hearing before a justice, and turned him over to Detective M. Sweeney of Scranton, who took him to Pottsville for a hearing.

The Bike Racers.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Half of the international six-day, eight hours per day, bicycle contest, in progress at Convention hall, was completed at 10:14 last night. The leaders had made over 437 miles, and if this speed is kept up until the end of the contest it will far eclipse the previous record, which for six days is 722 miles and 13 laps, made by Aschinger, one of the contestants in the present race, at Boston in 1891. At the close of yesterday's racing the score stood as follows: Waler, 437 miles, 8 laps; Maddox, 437 miles, 6 laps; Ashinger, 436 miles, 10 laps; Lawson, 435 miles, 6 laps; Hunter, 434 miles, 6 laps; Chapple, 432 miles, 7 laps; Foster, 432 miles, 6 laps.

Made His Bride Queen.

New York, Dec. 31.—Colonel John E. Hobbs, king of the island of Illika, in the South seas, was married last night to Miss Ella Collin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Collin of this city. After the marriage Colonel Hobbs proclaimed and crowned his bride as Ulalie, queen of Illika. Colonel Hobbs was sent six years ago by an Austrian newspaper to investigate certain abuses among the islanders. He was shipwrecked, but was picked up by a party of Illikans, who were at first undecided whether to eat or to crown him. They finally decided upon the latter course, and neither has since had cause to regret the choice.

Cause of Republican Senator.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 31.—Senator Bradford of this city, as Republican senior member-elect of the state senate, has issued a call for a caucus of the Republican members of that body on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p. m., in room 254 in the state house.

Sometimes, not always, a tailor will make you an overcoat that fits, looks well, is right, but his charges are out of all proportion.

Rogers, Peet & Co.'s overcoats are equal in every respect to the tailor's but one—the price.

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THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

At Music hall commencing tonight O'Hooligan's Wedding will fill a three-nights' engagement, and if the show receives the support it deserves the house will be crowded at each performance. The attraction contains some of the foremost artists in the farce comedy line, among whom may be mentioned Larry Tooley, the famous Dutch comedian; John Flynn, a rollicking Irish boy. Much of the fun is provided by those two funny fellows, but of course they are fably supported by the comedy trio; Nellie Franklin, a clever and sprightly soubrette; Misses Dickson and Parrons, whose wonderful voice have gained them fame all over the world; Alice Wren, an expoent of Negro melody. Many novelties and pleasing specialties are introduced during the action of the play. It is all sunshine and laughter. Don't forget the dates, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, with grand New Year matinee and usual Saturday matinee.

The Savoy.

The 100th performance of the Savoy stock company takes place this evening, and every person in the audience will receive a souvenir of the event.

The management, knowing how popular is the fad of collecting photograph buttons, decided to obtain some of Mr. Kendal Weston, the popular leading man, and they have been received and are elegant.

A celebration of the 100th performance of any company is a rare thing in Lowell, and when that company is the clever one at the Savoy, it is an event in which Lowell theatre goers are much interested, and this fact, together with the attractiveness of the great play of "Rosedale," which is enjoying its second week there, will fill the house to the doors.

The company is daily improving upon its performance in the magnificent production.

Measured Telephone Rates.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph company offers to its subscribers in this city, prospective, an opportunity to have the telephone upon a plan new here, but already in operation in Boston to a considerable extent. It is the "Measured Service" plan, whereby the subscriber pays in proportion to the amount of service he requires, instead of paying a "flat" rate and having unlimited service. In other words, the charge is proportioned to the number of times he calls for a connection during the year, and as the number of calls increases, the rate per call decreases. An unlimited number of incoming calls can be received. In all cases where a subscriber elects to take this service, he is supplied with all the metallic circuit and long distance instruments of the most approved type. This plan brings the telephone within the reach of people who feel that the flat rate is more than they care to pay yet need it to use to a moderate extent. Full details are given in the company's announcement in another column, and to this our readers are referred for the figures. They will find it well worth careful perusal.

She Said:

When I want a perfect fitting dress, I first go and get fitted to a pair of the popular Zenda Corsets, which are made in fourteen styles, and fitted free of charge. Then my dressmaker is sure she will make a success of her work.

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About 1000 invitations or more will be sent out for the inaugural exercises at the state houses next week.

Those officials who occasionally indulge in the mazy waltz are desirous to have an inauguration ball. It seems that such an innovation would be particularly appropriate at the present time to introduce the new city government and to signalize the inauguration of the new charter.

THE KLEPTOMANIA'S DODGE.

The following from the Lawrence Sun expresses what will strike most people as a common method of evading punishment for larceny such as that committed by Mrs. Castles of San Francisco in London:

The Sun has already expressed its opinion of the wretched "Kleptomania" dodge so frequently resorted to by dishonest people. When an elderly, well dressed woman, accused of shoplifting was arraigned in New York the other day the superintendent of the store in which she had been arrested declined to make a charge against her. He explained that she was the wife of a very prominent man who informed him that she was a kleptomaniac. Besides, restitution had been made. "Kleptomania?" exclaimed the judge. "Kleptomania? Oh! I see. When a thief is wealthy it is a case of Kleptomania. Ah! but if some poor woman, whose cheeks are peaked from hunger, holding in her arms a poor little half starved babe, should dare to venture into your store and suffering from the torture of the thought of how a little innocent one must be denied the trifles that brighten a child's life, should take something from one of your counters, no matter how valueless, she would be a thief, and you would be the most zealous in prosecuting her." Kleptomania for the rich, stealing for the poor, such is the distinction.

THE INIQUITOUS DIVORCE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The most heartless proceeding resulting from the evil of divorce, occurred in Connecticut on Christmas day when Jacob Marsh arrested his divorced wife and had her locked up in a cell because she came stealthily with some Christmas presents to her children.

As a special police officer he tore her away from her children and marched her to the police station as a malefactress.

The breaking up of families, the ruin of children and the relentless severing of ties of domestic affection, can all be laid at the door of the iniquitous divorce law. Instead of preventing unhappiness and defending the righteous, it encourages bigamy, adultery and every kind of immorality.

When the divorce law of this state is considered in its relation to the divorce laws of some other states, it will perhaps appear more equitable, but all taken together form a code that stands as a disgrace to our government, the christian sentiment of this country and to civilization itself.

Is it any wonder that there is a strong agitation for a federal divorce law when anybody who wants to break through the matrimonial fetters has only to go to Dakota and there remain for ninety days in order to get a divorce upon the most flimsy pretext?

The state of Tennessee will grant a divorce to parties resident there for the space of two years on any of twelve different causes, one of which is the refusal of the wife to accompany her husband anywhere he wants her to go.

In New York the statutory ground for divorce embraces physical defect, intemperance, cruelty, conviction of felony, failure to support, desertion, and infidelity.

These are the principal causes in all the states, but some have made many curious additions to the list, such as ill temper, personal indignity, murderous assault, neglect, and voluntary separation.

South Carolina and Indian Territory, through the influence of Catholics, have firmly refused to legalize divorce on any ground, believing in the application of the command—whom God hath joined, let no man put asunder.

It would be a great improvement upon the confusion of divorce laws at present in force throughout the states, if there was one general law throughout the entire country, such as is in England. The question of state rights may interfere to prevent the enactment of such a law, but it is sorely needed, inasmuch as the facility with which divorces are obtained lead to bigamy, polygamy and worse crimes. If polygamy was put down by congress in Utah it seems that the law might be extended so as to prevent it throughout the country by a proper restraint upon the divorce law.

It is bad enough in any form, but the multifarious evils arising from the present laws as applied throughout the United States demand a speedy and radical rectification and adjustment.

Death of Dare Bird-all.

Boston, Dec. 31.—David S. Birdsall, an old-time ball player, died at his home here yesterday from results of an operation performed a year ago. He was a member of the old Harlem ball club of New York, a member of the Nationals of Washington, and in 1871 he joined the old Boston club as right fielder. He was 56 years old.

THE WHITE HOUSE BABIES

PAST AND PRESENT CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN THERE.

There Have Been Only Six Genuine White House Babies—The Lives of the Majority of Them Have Not Been Happy—Three Died In Abject Poverty.

It was afternoon. I was walking slowly along one side of Lafayette square, wondering why Jackson's statue was given the center, while Lafayette, the "rightful heir," was driven with his statue into a far and grudging corner of the plot. The grind of wheels attracted my attention. It was the White House carriage just turning out of the grounds.

Within were Mrs. Cleveland and the two older children, Ruth and Esther. Mrs. Cleveland looked a bit worn. She is growing very heavy these days—the scales say 186 pounds.

As I glanced at the White House party in the carriage I noted that the two babies looked hale and well. Why doesn't one see pictures of the White House babies scattered through the land? Cleveland won't allow any to get out. A picture of Baby Ruth or Baby Esther would be as hard to find as King Solomon's mine and be almost as valuable. The president is opposed to scattering the likenesses of his near and dear ones abroad in the general land.

Speaking of babies born in the White House, Baby Esther was the last. The first White House baby was also a girl and made her debut during the faraway reign of Jackson, back in 1830. There was the space of 63 years between the first and the last White House baby. Who was the first? She was the daughter of President Jackson's niece, who was the wife of Andrew Jackson Donaldson.

This first White House baby, Baby Donaldson, grew up and married a Mississippi gentleman—once a congressman—named Wilcox. General Wilcox has now been dead full 30 years, and Mrs. Wilcox, who was the first to try the White House as a place wherein to be born, has since Grant's time been a clerk in the treasury department.

Jackson's administration produced two more White House babies, both Donaldsons, both children of his niece. The second and the third White House babies were, respectively, John Samuel Donaldson and Rachel Jackson Donaldson—the latter named after the president's dead wife, for whom to the day of his own taking off the stern Jackson mourned like a lover.

The world waited until President Tyler's time for the next White House baby to be born there. This baby was Robert Tyler Jones, the child of President Tyler's daughter Mary, whose husband, Captain Jones, was a South Carolinian. This, the fourth White House baby—practically the second, for the two Donaldson babies, the second and third of the line of White House babies, died long years ago as children—grew up to be a soldier of the Confederacy. He served as captain in Armisteed's brigade and was wounded several times. He is dead now, and his grave is very new. He passed away a broken, shattered man, in bitter poverty, only a year ago.

Until Robert Tyler Jones was dismissed the curious, searching the treasury, could find two White House babies—Mrs. Wilcox and Tyler Jones—earning their meager salaries at desks from which they could overlook the great house they were born in, not a stone's throw away. But the great house had changed hands many times since their cradle days, and the new tenants were cold strangers to them.

The fifth baby was Julia Dent Grant, daughter of Colonel Fred Grant, who was born there while her grandfather, the silent Grant, was president. There is nothing to remark about the fifth White House baby, beyond the fact that she was christened in the blue room, whereas the Jackson babies had been christened in the east room. Old Hickory loved children almost as well as he hated the British. "There cannot be too many children," said Jackson—and never had one himself.

The sixth White House baby, and the last one—to date—was and is Baby Esther. When she was born, her father was entitled to remark that of all the chief magistrates since the dignified days of Washington, in buckles and silk hose, he, Cleveland, was the first to become a parent during his term of office.

Thus it will be observed the list of genuine White House babies is but a short one—only six in all. Baby Esther the last of the line. Three of the White House babies are dead—the two Donaldson babies and Tyler Jones, who died in the coils of abject, savage want. Of the others, the first, gray haired and old, bends over her desk for the bread she eats. The last baby has life all untried before her. There is the record. Nor would it show that to be born a White House baby is any absolute advantage. The novel baby may live to be wiser, happier and better off.—Alfred Henry Lewis in New York Journal.

The Last of the Buffalo.

One of the last members of the buffalo family was killed on Antelope island, in Great Salt lake, the other day. The animal was an old bull who had for some years lived on the island undisturbed. Recently on account of his becoming savage it was decided to shoot him. His body was brought to Salt Lake and is now on exhibition. It weighs 2,345 pounds. This was one of the last full blood buffaloes in the country.

Chromatic Aberration.

Findlay, O., has a boy whose eyes are the pink of perfection. He is an albino.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Solved at Last.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
Now we all know what you are,
Up above the world so high—
You're an airship in the sky.
—San Francisco Chronicle.

PERFECT and permanent are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it makes pure, rich, healthy, life and health-giving BLOOD.

IT IS STILL UNSOLVED

GREAT PROBLEM WITH US DESPITE PASTOR'S EFFORT.

Army of the Unemployed Proportionately Larger Than Ever Before—A Brooklyn Preacher's Flimflam Game on the Sprinkling Cart.

[Special Correspondence.]

Out of work! And in a large proportion of the cases to be out of work means hunger and misery. It means that women and little children are victimized because the willing hands of erstwhile providers are unemployed. Starvation stalks across the thresholds of cheerless tenements and hovels, while the natural defender, Giant Labor, lies prostrate and helpless, bound hand and foot with the thongs of economic systems created by 19 centuries of Christian civilization. Labor no longer is king. Slavery is now his condition. To struggle, to beg, to grovel, to stumble and fall into a grave in potter's field is his lot. He soars at seasons in the mazes of a superstition that he is "the foundation of all prosperity" and "the equal of any man," but each recurring fall from the clouds breaks his bones anew and leaves him more helpless than before.

Now, indeed, is "the winter of our discontent," and the promise that it is to be made "glorious summer" is already seen to be dead sea fruit. The problem of the unemployed has been with us for several years, and with the frosts and winds which heralded the approach of winter it has ever clamored for attention. This year, however, its demands for attention are more numerous and emphatic than ever before, and hunger and cold threaten to claim more victims during the present winter than have ever in a like period fallen beneath their cruel lashes. As the piercing winds shriek through the streets of this great city these winter nights every true Christian on his bended knees cries, "God help the poor!" For well he knows that for thousands there is no other help. And yet we are a great Christian people, with "the greatest government on earth."

Recent carefully compiled statistics show that there are in New York city at least 150,000 unemployed craftsmen. These figures take no account of the thousands of unclassified workmen who are out of jobs nor the other thousands who are usually put down as tramps. Other cities of the country are similarly situated, and the Associated Charities of Chicago reported, early in December, that there were in that city over 70,000 persons in absolutely destitute circumstances. And the worst of all this is that conditions are sure to become worse before they are better. The "confidence" which was to follow the election and set the wheels of industry to spinning has not materialized and seems to be getting farther away every day. In fact, there are cynics who say the promise was only a "confidence game anyway."

Notwithstanding the evidences of hard times which are multiplying upon all sides there are those who scoff and sneer at the representations of honest, earnest students of the situation. There are always those who say, "Any man who honestly seeks work can find it," and they are usually in positions of more or less influence—are [illegible] fed and retain their comfortable [illegible] because of the apologies for and misrepresentations of existing conditions. First place among all such this year may be given, for the present at least, to a Brooklyn clergyman. Rev. James G. Ditmars, pastor of Hope chapel, in the City of Churches, not only declares that there is work for all who seek it, but he has proved the truth of his statement by disguising himself as a workingman and going in search of a job—which he found of course.

The reverend gentleman of Hope chapel has not only found a way out of their wretched condition for the thousands of unemployed, but he has unmasked the hypocrisy of those whose sufferings became too heavy for them to bear alone and who have made their want known to the more fortunate. In his pulpit and in the metropolitan newspapers Mr. Ditmars has warned the unsophisticated against being swindled by the plausible tales that are poured into their ears by depraved creatures pretending to be in need of work and food. Thus has this follower of the humble and great hearted Jesus done humanity a service and at the same time given evidence of the improvement we moderns have made over the religion preached by the Nazarene. Ditmars has earned a memorial window in Hope chapel.

For the guidance of other benevolent and publicspirited persons who may wish to shine with Rev. Mr. Ditmars it may be well to relate briefly his experience as the Columbus of modern industrialism and chief bill poster of "Prosperity." He had heard that there was no work to be had for thousands of idle men in Brooklyn and New York, didn't believe what he heard, and decided to put the matter to practical test. Accordingly one Monday morning he donned his poorest suit of clothes, begrimed his face, and otherwise disguised himself so that his wife didn't recognize him, and started out to conquer the monster of fraud known as the Unemployed. Two places he asked for work, but was told that no one was needed; but, undaunted by days of fruitless search (by other men), despite the pangs of hunger (in other men's stomachs), inspired by love of the suffering ones (in homes other than his), he went on.

His third call was upon a contractor of street sprinkling, and it was here that honest industry received its reward and that the great problem of the age was satisfactorily solved. I want to do what I can to spread that scene before 70,000,000 of grateful people and to hand the name of Ditmars down to obscurity—should I have said posterity?—and so reproduce it substantially as it was given in a New York daily:

"What can you do?" was the contractor's first question.

"Most anything, and I need work at once," was the pastor's reply.

The contractor then told the clergyman he needed a man to drive a sprinkler.

"You see, the driver I had was 'paralyzed' last night and has been unable to come to work since," the contractor explained.

"Paralyzed!" exclaimed the clergyman. "The job isn't dangerous, is it?"

"Well, say, now, where are you from?" said the contractor. "The man didn't get it driving the cart. We ain't sprinkling the streets with beer. It was a jag. Do you understand?"

The clergyman had heard of that, and, as the contractor deemed his greenness was no detraction to his qualities as a driver, he was employed.

The clergyman mounted the box of the cart. Gathering up the reins, he started the horses as if he had been used to it all his life. As the clergyman started to drive off he was hailed by the contractor with the words, "You want to drive up and down the block in front of the church all the afternoon."

It was the minister's own church, but he had faith in his disguise and decided to carry out the work.

All that afternoon the minister drove back and forth in front of his church sprinkling the street and occasionally meeting numbers of his parishioners who were passing in and out of the church, preparing for a fair. None of them recognized him. When his day's work was done, he drove back to the stable, his hands cracked and aching from the unusual exertion and his back most broken.

The minister did not return the next day to drive the watering cart, having received his day's wages before leaving. He had earned $1.60.

My unemployed brother, you can now see how easy it is to secure work if you will only go about it right. Carefully study the Ditmars method—so far as I know, it isn't copyrighted—and note wherein you have erred. It's easy if you follow directions. Summarized, here's the way you do it: First get a position as pastor where the salary will permit you to overlook the problem of life from a lofty height. You know by this time the kind of Christianity you will be expected to preach. Then, some pleasant morning, after you have had a warm, wholesome breakfast, put on your poorest suit of clothes—you needn't remove your comfortable underclothing—and saunter forth. After two or three failures to find work you will meet a contractor who wants a man to take the place of a "paralyzed" driver. You will be instructed to sprinkle all day on one block—in front of your own house, and will get your pay at the end of each day.

Sarcasm aside, did you ever read or hear of a more palpable fraud than the Ditmars job of driving a sprinkling cart? Far be it from me to doubt the veracity of the pastor of Hope Chapel. Therefore I must conclude that the contractor acted a lie. I never had anything to do with sprinkling carts, but I am under the impression that it is unusual for one of them to put in half a day sprinkling one block and especially during freezing weather. There may be a suspicion that there was collusion between the pastor and the contractor. Perish the thought that a Christian minister could be so base! Some may think that the contractor recognized the preacher. Do not forget the latter's impenetrable disguise. It needn't create any surprise that the contractor was on hand ready to pay his new driver at the end of his first day's work and that nothing was said about work the next day or thereafter. Ditmars is telling this story, and he is a pastor.

There is one saving clause in the preacher's story, and that is that a little work did him all up. He must have been very "soft" if lazily sitting on a driver's box and holding the lines over a pair of discarded street car nags cracked his hands and almost broke his back. He knows now that he has a good thing and will probably be disposed to stick to the pulpit of Hope chapel, notwithstanding the ease with which he obtains other positions. His experience ought to teach him charity and make him to sympathize, as his Master did, with the poor and lowly, but, judging from the use he has already made of his day's work, there is little to hope for. The despoilers of labor, the monopolizers of God's gifts to all his children, the shirkers of duty who in justification ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?" will applaud Rev. Mr. Ditmars, but what will Christ say when the Father asks for the record of Hope chapel's pastor?

In the meantime what's to be done? The army of the unemployed is constantly on the increase, and, search as you may, you cannot find hope that there will be a change, at least during the winter. Away with politics and look the trouble squarely in the face. After the holiday season we will see the beginning of the worst, and all lovers of humanity, all supporters of our institutions, must be ever ready to give a hand to tide us over what promises to be our darkest hour. This is not said to alarm, but to arouse all good people to a sense of impending trouble and to inspire the determination to do all in their power to lessen the misery and to keep down anger. Organized labor is doing its part, but it has its hands full. Charity organizations are complaining of the strain already put upon them. The question concerns all the people, and the united efforts of all will be needed to solve it.

JOS. R. BUCHANAN.

New York, Dec. 21.

Railway Victims.

The number of railway employees killed in the year ending June 30, 1896, was 1,811 and the number injured 25,696, being a decrease of 12 in the number of employees killed and an increase of 2,274 in the number injured. From the above statement it appears that in the year covered by this report one employee was killed for each 433 employees, and one was injured for each 31 men employed in the railway service. Of trainmen—that is to say, engineers, firemen, conductors and other employees whose service is upon the trains—it appears that one person was killed for each 155 employees of this class and one person injured for each 11 trainmen.

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After the two hunters from the city had superintended the unloading of enough traps and baggage of all descriptions to equip an expedition into the heart of Africa they hunted up the proprietor of the little backwoods tavern to ask about a guide.

"We want to put in about two weeks in the woods," they explained, "and we want a good man for a guide. Of course, there are guides to be had here."

"Lots of 'em," answered the proprietor. "You kin git all kinds of guides here."

"Well, we want the best that can be had for money, and we don't care what it costs," said one of the hunters.

"There's two or three kinds of beasts in this business," returned the proprietor, "and it all depends on what line you want. There's Bill, f'r instance. He probably knows more about these here woods in a minute than any one else does in a week. He kin take you to more unfrequented places an hustle you round faster than any other feller in this section."

"Just the man for us," said the spokesman of the two. "Where is he?"

"Then there's Hank," continued the proprietor, without noticing the question. "I s'pose he knows more about the game an the best way to git it than any man who ever lived in these parts. He kin gin'rally scare up something when nobody else kin."

"Then he's the man for us," said the spokesman. "We came from the city to make a record."

"Make a record?" repeated the proprietor.

"That's it exactly. We want to make a record in the hunting line that we can boast of when we go back."

The proprietor went over and sized up their pile of baggage, including everything that was latest in the way of hunter's equipment.

"You don't want Bill, nor yet Hank," he said at last. "I'll send for Jim. He's the man for you."

"What's Jim's special qualification?" they asked.

"Why, he's the best liar in this state," replied the proprietor. "If you can't make a record with him, there ain't no use tryin for it with any one else. At first I thought you was jest up here for the huntin, an I was gein on that basis, but I kin fit you out to bust records jest as easy, if that's what you're after."—Chicago Post.

A Smart Footman.

A lady had issued invitations for a party of 12, and on the morning of the appointed day, when conferring with the footman, she discovered that 1 of the 12 silver shells in which scalloped oysters were to be served had been misplaced. Rigid search for the missing article having proved unavailing, the lady decided that sooner than give up that particular course she would simply decline oysters when they were handed her, and so the 11 shells would be sufficient.

It happened that when the oysters were served at dinner the hostess was engaged in a very animated conversation with one or two of her neighbors, and forgetting her determination took one of the shells of oysters and set it before herself.

If the servant's heart fell in consternation at this, he gave no external sign of it, but, speaking in tones distinct though low, said respectfully:

"Excuse me, madam, but you said I was to remind you that the doctor forbade you eating oysters."—Tit-Bits.

The Colonel's Observation.

"I'm afraid," remarked Colonel Stillwell's friend, "that I have a touch of malaria."

"That's very bad," replied the colonel sympathetically.

"It's a most disagreeable malady."

"Yes. The only thing that I can possibly think of in favor of malaria is the fact that whisky is considered a good medicine for it."—Washington Star.

An Exchange of Compliments.

Freshleigh, '00, met an old colored man the other day crossing the campus, and the following conversation ensued:

Freshleigh—Hello, Sam! The trees are getting nearly as black as you are, hey?

Big Sam—Yessah, and next spring, sah, dey'll be nearly as green as you, sah.—Princeton Tiger.

Followed.

"Hold!" whispered the heroine. "Something tells me we are being followed."

The hero laughed lightly.

"Impossible," he rejoined.

But the woman's intuition was right.

Two men in the second gallery were consulting the libretto.—Truth.

The Usual Way.

"They say he got into Wall street at last?"

"I heard it the other way."—Detroit News.

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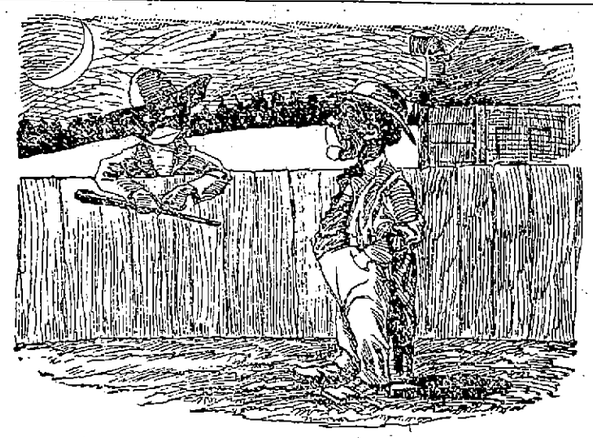

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"G'long! Hain't got no chickens."
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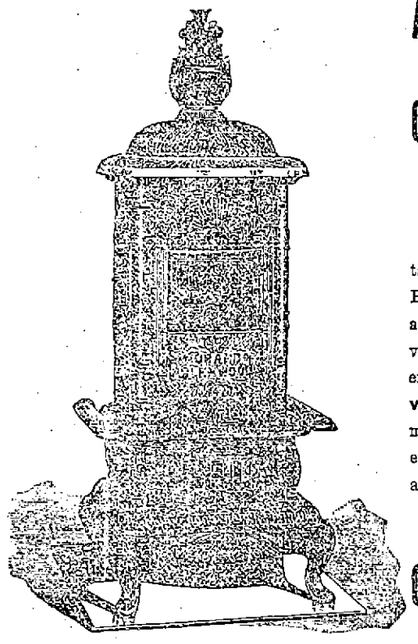

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SUGAR SCHEDULE

Discussed Before Congressional Committee.

CONFLICTING INTERESTS AS USUAL HEARD.

Refiners Want Low Duty on Raw Product.

Washington, Dec. 31. — The sugar schedule was the subject of the hearings before the ways and means committee yesterday, and it was the most interesting, as well as the most important, schedule so far considered. The conflicting interests of the producers, refiners and importers were brought out in sharp contrast. The producers wanted higher duties all along the line, and the refiners pressed for high duties on refined and not so high on raw sugars. The latter were especially anxious that in imposing countervailing duties against export bounty countries the additional duty should be levied only against the refined article. The importers, the cane growers, the refiners and the beet growers were each given innings by the committee.

John Farr of New York, Solon Humphreys of New York and P. J. Smith of New York represented the importers; Colonel J. D. Hill of New Orleans represented the cane sugar growers, W. J. McCann of Philadelphia the refiners, and Henry T. Oxnard of Grand Island, Neb., and Herbert Myrick, the beet sugar interests.

Francis T. Thurber, a New York merchant, and J. H. Sypher of this city, Bishop Thomas R. Cutler of Utah and R. M. Allen of Nebraska also made arguments, while Senator Perkins of California submitted a printed brief.

Francis B. Thurber of New York, in an argument for sugar protection from the distributors' standpoint, said that no product was sold so extensively in which there was such a small profit, estimated by him at ⅛ of 1 cent a pound. He said that in France and Germany the great bounty-paying sugar countries, the consumers paid more for their sugars than those in the United States. The bounties given by France and Germany had crushed sugar refining in England, and would do so here but for our protective barrier.

"Does the company require that the sugar shall not be sold below a certain figure?" asked Mr. McMillin.

"Yes," replied Mr. Thurber, "the trust requires that the sugars shall not be sold below the manufacturers' list price on the day of the sale."

"Is the distributor obliged to certify that he has sold for the list price?"

"He is, or he forfeits his commission."

W. J. McCann of Philadelphia, one of the independent refiners, said the present tariff had resulted in an increased importation of 110 per cent in refined sugars, and only 10 per cent in raw sugars. He said this showed that unless additional protection was afforded the refining of our sugars would all be done abroad.

The beet sugar industry had the floor in the afternoon. Henry T. Oxnard of Grand Island, Neb., president of the American Beet Sugar society, was the spokesman. He charged that the present tariff not only failed to give protection to the sugar raisers, but discouraged the investment of additional capital.

Mr. Oxford delivered an argument in favor of a bounty.

"It did not seem to have much effect in Nebraska," suggested Mr. Steele of Indiana.

"Nor in Kansas," added Mr. McMillin.

"Well, look at California," replied Mr. Oxnard. "It had its effect there."

A moment later Mr. Oxnard spoke of the duty of the majority to carry out their platform pledges. "While platform pledges have no legal binding force, they certainly ought to bind the conscience of members of the majority in congress," said Mr. Oxnard.

"If they have any," ejaculated Mr. Steele, sententiously, whereat there was a hearty laugh all around.

Mr. Oxnard took strong grounds against any reciprocity. He thought a dual policy (both duty and bounty) would be fair to all interests and jeopardize none.

"Do you believe that a bounty would be permanent?" asked Mr. Payne. "You remember in '94 you opposed it on the ground that it could not be made permanent."

"Yes," replied Mr. Oxnard, "I think it would be permanent, because I believe the Republican party will continue in power."

"Why?" asked Mr. Wheeler.

"Because it has restored prosperity."

Herbert Myrick, president of the Orange Judd company, spoke in the interests of the farmer. His argument was exhaustive, and was largely devoted to showing the advantage of the production in this country of the sugar consumer here. It was an economic crime, he said, to compel American farmers to raise staples in competition with the cheap land and labor countries with which to pay for imported sugar, besides standing the freight and commission both ways. The sugar beet industry, he said, was on the high road to success under the McKinley law. Its repeal had brought it to a standstill.

Thomas R. Cutler of Utah, a bishop of the Mormon church, read statistics of imports and exports between the United States and Hawaii, showing that the exports for the United States are but 1½ per cent of the imports, and that $4,607,000 of duties are rebated to the Hawaiian producers. The sugar imported from Hawaii would give employment in the United States to 243,000 men continuously throughout the year.

As the first maker of beet sugar machinery in the United States, he asserted that the American-made machinery was superior to that of Germany or France. While much of the work in connection with the raising of beets was being done by machinery the weeding had to be done by hand, but the laborers of California would be glad of a chance to get down on their knees in the fields.

Utah has felt the hand of the Sugar trust. He said "the moment Utah tries to get into its own market the American Sugar company of San Francisco reduced the price in Utah, so that we have to accept less than the price sugar is selling for in San Francisco."

This ended the sugar hearing, and the committee adjourned until today.

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OPPOSED TO ARBITRATION.

American Patriotic Association Adopts Resolution Against New Treaty.

New York, Dec. 31.—A meeting of the Patriotic League of America was held last night at Amsterdam hotel. Thomas St. John Gaffney, president of the league, presided. A resolution was adopted as follows:

Whereas, as one of the objects of the Patriotic League of America, as stated in its constitution, is to "oppose the movement in favor of a permanent, embarrassing, entangling alliance with any monarchial power for a general settlement of international disputes," and,

Whereas, it is declared on the highest authority that the president and Ambassador Bayard have completed negotiations with the British government for the establishment of such tribunal between the United States and Great Britain; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we protest in the most solemn and emphatic manner against any such specific arrangement with the government of England, whose traditional policy, influence and power has been at all times antagonistic to the welfare and advancement of the United States.

We denounce the selection on the part of our executive for the first experiment of permanent international arbitration of a monarchy, whose policy of colonization and territorial aggrandizement is entirely at variance with our ideas of justice and equity and has made that power a constant menace to the peace of the world.

We believe that this treaty will be the most brilliant achievement of British diplomacy, and must of necessity be one-sided and entirely in the interest of England's specious selfish and ambitious program for the future.

Its proposal at a time when she is strengthening her fortifications on this hemisphere and her naval and military armaments along our frontiers is ample evidence of her hypocrisy and the shallowness of her professions of good will.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the senate committee on foreign affairs and the various patriotic bodies throughout the country.

Montpelier's Incendiary.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 31.—The Wales trial in the county court was resumed yesterday morning, only to be interrupted during the forenoon to allow State Attorney Howland to go to Barre to investigate a supposed Italian murder. On resuming in the afternoon several witnesses told of the contradictory statements made by Wales when he was describing the fire at Goddard seminary and the finding of dynamite among the baseball suits. O. G. Harris, who says he sold Wales a quantity of dynamite, will be the first witness this morning.

Opinions of Woolen Manufacturer.

Sanford, Me., Dec. 31.—L. B. Goodall, a prominent woolen manufacturer, and a member of the Maine Woolen club, returned from New York and Washington yesterday and stated that tariff legislation favorable to the woolen manufacturers would undoubtedly be passed before June 1, either by the present congress or by an extra session. The revival of business will be gradual, for although woolen products are low, the cotton market is glutted. The present stagnation, Mr. Goodall said in conclusion, is due to cautiousness and lack of money among the purchasing classes.

Eminent Indian Linguist Dead.

Clinton, Ont., Dec. 31.—Horatio Hale, one of the most profound philologists in Indian dialects on the continent, is dead. He was a graduate of Yale university. In 1844 he began his career by acting as philologist to the Wilkes expedition, sent out by the American government to discover the Antartic continent. He was the author of the Iroquois book of rites and several other works relating to the Indian languages and customs of North America. He was president of the American Association for the Advance of Science. He died in his 80th year.

Cuba's Friends In Boston.

Boston, Dec. 31.—A call has been issued for a meeting of Cubans and the friends of Cuban liberty to meet this afternoon for the purpose of forming a local branch of the Cuban-American league. The league will have no connection with the junta in New York, although its work will be similar. The object of the league will be to centralize forces favorable to Cuba in this state, and to raise funds, which shall be applied to the purposes of obtaining liberty for Cuba.

To Carry Mahogany.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The British steel steamer Lincluden, Captain Watley, which was launched early in the present year, has been chartered by George D. Emery of Chelsea to engage in carrying mahogany from Nicaragua to this port. Mr. Emery, who has a contract with the Nicaraguan government, giving him the exclusive right to ship mahogany and cedar from that country, has long felt the need of a larger vessel to engage in bringing these products forward.

Too Many Sinecures.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 31.—The spinners' executive committee, at a meeting last night, discussed the arguments which certain Fall River manufacturers made before the tariff committee. The committee agreed that the main reason why Americans are unable to compete with English concerns is because of the high salaries paid a large number of officials. In England the mills have only a superintendent and an agent, and his assistants are unknown.

Officer Killed by Italians.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 31.—A desperate riot occurred at Johnsonburg yesterday, which resulted in the fatal shooting of William Bergin and the serious injury of James McMinn, Charles Glover, Charles Wrathall and several others, members of the police force. The trouble was begun by a gang of Italians, who became involved in a fight, using knives, revolvers and clubs.

New Portland and Bangor Line.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 31.—The Eastern Dispatch Steamboat company is about to be formed in Portland for the purpose of operating a steamboat line between that city and Bangor. Arrangements have been practically completed, and the steamer New Brunswick will begin trips on the new line next May.

Want "The Constitution" Preserved.

New York, Dec. 31.—The American Historical society resumed its sessions yesterday with Professor Justin Winsor in the chair. A memorial to congress on the preservation of the frigate Constitution, from the Massachusetts Historical society, was presented and referred to the council for action, with an expression of the appreciation of approval of the petition.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

FALL RIVER MILLS

Make a Statement of Their Dividends.

A HARD SEASON FOR PRINT CLOTHS.

Average is 6 Per Cent on Capital.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 31.—The annual dividend list of the Fall River mills was issued yesterday from the office of G. M. Haffards & Co. The year has been a hard one for the print cloth mills, and yet ony three have passed on dividends. The Anawan and Fall River manufactory are old mills and the Barnaby gingham mill has suffered from the stagnation which prevails in the gingham trade. As in 1895, these companies paid their stockholders nothing.

The amount of capital represented in the list of 39 corporations is $22,933,000, which is an increase of $1,655,000 on last year's list. The larger part of this increase is due to the fact that the Kerr Thread company, established in 1888, appears in the list with a capital of $800,000. The earnings have been $1,368,875, an average of 5.95 per cent. Last year's list showed a total of $1,742,625, or 8.18 per cent paid out. The capital stock of the Barnard mill has been increased, as has that of the Stafford mills. An extra dividend paid on a sale of real estate by the Troy mill is also included in the list.

Cotton stock.	Capital.	Rate.
American Linen Co	$800,000	2½
Anawan Mfg. Co	160,000	0
Barnard Mfg. Co	495,000	7
Bourne Mills	400,000	12
Border City Mfg. Co	1,000,000	6½
Barnaby Mfg. Co	400,000	0
Chace Mills	500,000	6½
Cornell Mills	400,000	8
Conanicut Mills	120,000	3½
Davol Mills	400,000	8
Fall River Manufactory	180,000	0
Flint Mills	580,000	8
Globe Yarn Mills	1,200,000	2½
Granite Mills	1,000,000	7
Hargraves	800,000	6
King Philip Mills	1,000,000	6
Laurel Lake Mills	500,000	5½
Merchants Mfg. Co	800,000	6
Mechanics Mills	750,000	7
Metacomet Mfg. Co	288,000	0
Narragansett Mills	400,000	6½
Osborn Mills	600,000	7
Parker Mills	500,000	4
Pocasset Mfg. Co	600,000	4½
Richard Borden Mfg. Co	800,000	5½
Robeson Mills	260,000	1½
Sanford Spinning Co	500,000	6½
Sagamore Mfg. Co	900,000	5
Seaconnet Mills	600,000	6½
Shove Mills	550,000	7
Slade Mills	550,000	1
Stafford Mills	1,000,000	8
Stevens Mfg. Co	250,000	8
Tecumseh Mills	500,000	6½
Troy C. & W. Mfy	300,000	27
Union Cotton Mfg. Co	750,000	9
Wampanoag Mills	750,000	9
Weetamoe Mills	550,000	2½
Kerr Thread Co	800,000	6½
Total	$22,933,000	

Prohibitionist Factions.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Prohibition national executive committee held a secret session at the Sherman House yesterday. Those present were Mayor Samuel Dickie of Albion, Mich., chairman; William T. Wardwell of New York, secretary; Samuel D. Hastings of Green Bay, Wis., treasurer; James A. Tate, Nashville; Thomas R. Carskadon, Keyser, W. Va., and John G. Wooley of this city. The matter of a union of the factions in the party was taken up with considerable vigor, and it was found impossible to see any way by which an agreement could be reached with the bolters. The bolters meet in this city Friday, and may ask for a conference with the Prohibitionists, but the regular organization will not take the initiative.

Flying Bullets In Court.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The young wife of old man Jacob Fischel has a suit for divorce before Judge Wood of the circuit court in this city. During a part of the proceedings yesterday, which were unfavorable to Fischel, he got into a rage, and as the plaintiff and her uncle, Julius Schrieber, and her attorney, Walter McIntyre, were leaving the court room he suddenly drew a revolver and opened fire on them. One ball entered Mrs. Fischel's left shoulder, another struck her uncle directly over the heart, but a rib saved his life. A third shot grazed McIntyre's arm. The frenzied man was immediately seized by officers of the court and hustled into the sheriff's office, where he expressed the hope that he had killed his wife and her uncle.

Millbury Wants Cheaper Lights.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The board of gas and electric light commissioners has recommended that the price of arc lights furnished the town of Millbury for its streets by the Millbury Electric Light company shall be reduced to not exceeding $2375 for the same service hitherto provided. The decision is based upon a petition from the town for a reduction in price and improvement in service. The last town meeting appropriated only $2000 for the lighting of the streets, and the selectmen sought to make a contract with the company for a year at that sum. As the price had hitherto been $2500, the company declined to do this, saying it could not afford to do it.

Married a South Sea King.

New York, Dec. 31.—Colonel John E. Hobbs, king of the island of Illika, in the South seas, was married last night to Miss Ella Collin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Collin of this city. After the marriage Colonel Hobbs proclaimed and crowned his bride as Ulalie, queen of Illika. Colonel Hobbs was sent six years ago by an Austrian newspaper to investigate certain abuses among the islanders. He was shipwrecked, but was picked up by a party of Illikans, who were at first undecided whether to eat or to crown him. They finally decided upon the latter course, and neither has since had cause to regret the choice.

New Mill at Newport

Newport, R. I., Dec. 31.—The Narragansett Webb company, with a capital stock of $80,000, will start up today for the manufacture of suspender and garter webbing and braids and cards. Over 100 hands will be employed for the present.

Caught Counterfeiting.

New York, Dec. 31.—Six counterfeiters were arrested here yesterday while at work making spurious coin. Among them were William Warren, aged 57, a noted maker of bad money, and Martin Leonard, aged 75, ... was released from prison in Buffalo about a month ago. Leonard has spent more than 20 years of his life in prison.

PAINTING ON GLASS.

How to Imitate Pietra Dura and Mosaic In a Simple Manner.

The materials required are ordinary oil colors, mirrorine medium, some artists' enamels, sable brushes and a good black for grounding. Japanese black lacquer covers better than most of them, and a tube of ecailline brown black is needed for outlining.

The glass must be thoroughly cleaned with soap and hot water and free from smears. Place the glass face downward over the design to be copied and put in the outlines with ecailline brown and mirrorine medium. A fine sable brush is used, and the lines must be solid and very equal in thickness. They will take some time to dry—perhaps two days. They must be dry and hard before the next painting is started; otherwise their sharpness and decision will be entirely marred and cannot be restored without great trouble.

The tone for coloring must be chosen from among those that are found in stone and marble, of which there is an infinite variety. Gray, red, yellow, green and blue abound and can be blended in every conceivable manner. In arranging the scheme of color to be carried out, it will be found that a combination of three or four tints well arranged and balanced will prove easier to manage and more satisfactory in result than a kaleidoscopic arrangement of a number of colors, which is apt to impart a bewildering effect to the design. Each different tint of the oil colors must be mixed up ready for use in sufficient quantity to cover all the parts required. It does not answer to mix with the brush as the work progresses. The color would be certain to vary and look like paint, not stone.

Mix mirrorine with the color and cover solidly, taking care to keep within the outlines. The enamel can be used instead of oil color, and thinned with mirrorine answers very well. If the tints are not exactly what is required, they can be modified with oil colors.

The whole of the design being filled in with the various tints selected, the ground has to be well covered with the black varnish. Fill up all thin places, as the varnish dries very quickly. It can be retouched again and again without much delay.

How to Use Chicken Wings.

A nice dish can be made from the wings of fowls by stewing slowly until extremely tender. Then make a puree of peas by boiling a quantity of peas, either fresh or canned, in water until tender, draining and mashing through a sieve and seasoning with salt and pepper and butter. Just before mashing through the sieve thicken with a tablespoonful of flour to every quart of peas. Wet the flour with cold water and cook for two minutes. Serve on a steak dish, with the wings piled on top.

How to Economize In Dress.

If a black silk or fine wool dress has a frayed place under the arm or a conspicuous tear in the skirt, moisten a piece of court plaster, put it on the underside and smooth down the edges, carefully drawing them together. Any colored goods may be repaired in this way if you get plaster to match the silk. Material manufactured for the purpose can be purchased at the notion counters of some dry goods stores.

A last year's straw hat can be sponged and cleansed with coffee, afterward pressing with a warm iron, laying the rim on a flat surface and using a pan for the crown. In addition wire the brim so that you can change the shape or add an edge of fancy straw and fresh trimmings.

If feathers have become damp, hold them to dry over a gentle heat, shaking and waving until dry.

Fill damp shoes with torn newspapers and let them dry in shape and use no polish, but a very little sweet oil, applying this only after they have been well dusted, and they will look nice for a long time.

Remove gloves by taking hold of the wrist and pulling them off wrong side out. Then turn and pull in shape. Trifles like this enable some women to appear well dressed on a minimum expense.

How to Make a Headrest.

Make a cushion of the desired size in heart shape. Cut a piece of white linen a little smaller than the cushion. Cut the edge of the linen in small scallops and buttonhole it with yellow Roman floss. On the linen work scattered buttercups and leaves with Asiatic filo. Cover both sides of the cushion with yellow china silk. Fasten the linen on the upper half. Finish the cushion with a double ruffle of the silk and hang with yellow satin ribbon.

Union Labor Only.

Manager Clifford of the new Olympia theater, Chicago, is determined that labor troubles shall not interfere with the completion of the work, and he has also made up his mind that contractors will have to employ union men if they desire to do work on the new playhouse. Two nonunion tinners in the employ of Contractor Sweetland were told by the manager that they could not go to work, and later the contractor was informed that the best thing he could do was to enter into an agreement with the Sheet Metal Workers' union for the employment of union tinners.

At Work Again.

A few applications of Salvation Oil will readily cure sprains and bruises, and heal cuts, burns and scalds. It is undoubtedly the best pain-cure on the market, and should be ready for use in every home in the land. Mr. Frank Stubenhaver 1337 Elm St., Dubuque, Iowa, states: "I used Salvation Oil on a sprained elbow, which threatened to prevent me from working, and after several thorough rubbings, I awoke the very next morning much relieved and able to go to work. Had I not used Salvation Oil I certainly would have lost a week's work, which would have amounted to many times the cost of a bottle of Oil. Everybody should keep Salvation Oil in the house." It is sold everywhere for only 25 cents.

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THE JURY DISAGREED.

Eleven of the Good Men and True Lacked Legal Evidence.

I had been down in the mountainous regions of Tennessee for my health and made a great many pleasant acquaintances among the strange people of that section. Nothing of an exciting nature occurred until the earlier part of October, when one of the men of whom I had seen a good deal was arrested on the charge of selling bottles of moonshine whisky at a fair.

There seemed no chance of clearing him, but a bright young lawyer undertook his defense and handled it like a veteran. The case on the part of the government was made. A bottle of whisky that the accused had sold was offered in evidence, and a dozen witnesses swore that they had seen him disposing of like bottles.

The prisoner was not placed upon the stand, and no one was called to testify in his behalf. I grew indignant at this apparent betrayal of his cause and ventured to whisper to the young attorney that he should at least make a showing. But he knew his business. Solemnly addressing the court, he said:

"Your honor, there has not been one word of proof offered, aside from unsubstantiated statements, that the flask here in evidence contains whisky, or that there was whisky in any of the bottles my client is said to have disposed of."

"The jury can take it with them and determine for themselves," curtly interrupted the judge.

"That is entirely satisfactory, your honor."

Though sent in time and again, the jury found it impossible to agree and was finally dismissed.

"What was the matter?" I ventured to ask of the foreman after it was all over.

"Waal, stranger, you noticed that pint bottle we took in?"

"Yes. You were to find out what it contained."

"So th' jedge said. Jake Hoover war th' fust one ter make th' test, suh. When he had ter stop ter take breath, there warn't a doggone drop lef'. He said 'twarn't quite 'nough ter make sure on it, but it 'peared ter be whisky. But thar war 'leven on us thar that didn't have legal test'mony. Jake war th' one that disagreed."

The story got out and the case was never revived.—Detroit Free Press.

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Boston and Maine Railroad

Winter Arrangement.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Corrected to Oct. 4, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLESEX STREET DEPOT, LOWELL.

For Boston, at 6.50, 8.15, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 12.45, 2.30, 3.20, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 4.15, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Lawrence, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p.m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Haverhill, 6.30, 6.50, 8.30, 9.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, †11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m., 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.
For Salem and Lynn, 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Newburyport and Amesbury, 6.30 a. m. 12.05, 2.30, 4.05, 6.15 p. m.
For Exeter and Dover, 6.50, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.40, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p.m.
For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 4.05 p. m.
For Somersworth, N. H., Salmon Falls, Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.50, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 4.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 8.30 a.m.; 12.05, 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Lewiston, 8.30 a. m; 12.05, 5.10 p. m.
For Bangor, Belfast, and way stations, 8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Skowhegan and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.
For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., and the Provinces, 5.10 p. m., except Saturday. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, 8.30. a. m., 5.10 p. m. (5.10 does not run Saturdays); SUNDAY, 5.30 p. m.
For Eastport and St. John (per steamer), on Mondays, 12.05 p. m.
For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Rockland), last trip for season, Dec. 25, '96.
†Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

Southern Division.

On and After Oct. 4, 1896, Trains Leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as Follows:

For Boston, 5.45, 6.30, ¶6.50, *7.45, *8.30, ¶9.00, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, ¶3.00, 4.25, ¶5.35 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.
Trains Leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:
For Boston, 5.49, 6.33, ¶6.53, 7.01, 7.13, *7.27, 7.33, *7.49, *8.07, 9.03, *9.50, 11.03, 11.42 a. m; 12.16, 1.43, ¶3.03, *3.55, 4.00, 4.28, 5.22, 5.38, 6.21, 7.51 p. m. SUNDAYS, *7.18, *7.27, 8.48, *9.19 a. m; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.
For Woburn, 6.30, 7.01, 7.33, 7.45, 11.00 a.m.; 1.40, 4.28, p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m., 4.25, 5.58 p. m.
*Express. ¶Via Bedford.
For Lawrence, 8.30, 10.00 a. m; 4.15 p. m.
For Salem, and Way Stations, 7.33 a. m.; 1.28, 5.13 p.m.
For Ayer Junction, and Way Stations, 7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.00 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS 2.15 p. m.
For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.13 a. m.; 1.00, 3.43, 6.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 2 p. m.
For Greenfield, Peterboro', Bennington, Hillsboro' and Keene, 9.13 a. m. and 3.43 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Greenfield, 2.00 p. m.
For Nashua, Manchester and Concord. 7.40, 9.13, 9.40, 10.09 a. m; 12.09, 1.00, 1.40, 3.43, 5.40, 6.17, 8.13, 8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only) 3.08 a.m., 2.00, 6.02, 8.12, 8.40 p.m.
For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.13, 9.40 a. m: 12.09, 1.40 (to Franklin only), 6.40, †8.13 p. m.
For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction—7.40, 9.13 a. m; 1.40 p. m.
For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville via Wells River—9.40 a.m; 1.40, †8.40 p. m.
For Montpelier, Montreal, Essex Junction, Burlington and St. Albans, via Central Vermont line—9.40 a. m.; 12.09, †8.13 p. m.
For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line—9.40 a. m.; †8.40 p. m.
Quebec Express via Plymouth and Sherbrooke —1.40, 8.40 p. m., daily except Sunday.
† Daily for Montreal.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Passenger and Ticket Agent.
H. C. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

FROM OUR 5 O'CLOCK EDITION Of Yesterday.

VESSEL CLEARED

For Cuba With Munitions of War.

GOVERNMENT ALLOWS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO ACT.

The First Case Since the War Began.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Dec. 30.—For the first time since present trouble in Cuba began, this government has given permission to the custom officials to clear for Cuba a vessel loaded, according to her manifesto, with munitions of war, presumably intended for insurgents' army. The vessel in question is a well known alleged filibuster "The Dauntless." The concession, however, makes the situation for the ship quite as involved as ever, as according to law both shippers and consigners of cargo must state under oath what port the cargo is to be landed. The penalty for a violation includes the confiscation of the vessel. The port named in application is occupied by Spanish troops. Treasury officials, are, therefore, of the opinion that the required oaths will not be taken.

THE BRAM TRIAL.

Case Will Probably Go to the Jury Tomorrow—Today's Session.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 30.—From present appearances the Herbert Fuller murder case will not be given to the jury until late tomorrow or possibly not until Friday.

The defence has finished its case, and today the last evidence, testimony by expert navigators, goes in.

The government contends that the Fuller's wheel could not have been lashed so that the vessel would have kept her course.

The defense claims that Brown, principal government witness, could have left the wheel long enough to have committed the murders.

PRES. LITLE

Issues A Statement From His Standpoint on the Strike.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The West End Street Railroad Co. today issued a statement to the public regarding the strike and explaining the situation from the company's standpoint.

The council is charged with having broken faith with the company and being an irresponsible body.

Woman Killed Today.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 30—Miss Fanny Naugher, aged 25 years, was struck by a train at Winter Hill this morning and fatally injured.

Prominent Character Dead.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Somerville, Dec. 30—Levi H. Wyman, founder of the famous sandwich depots bearing his name, died at his home here, this morning, aged 65 years.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

W. A. Hemingway's keg factory, East Pearl street, New Haven, burned this morning. Loss about $40,000.

A fire in the jewelry store of William B. Starr, in New York this morning, did $30,000 damage.

Frank Hart, the negro pedestrian, led in six days' heel and toe walking match at Natatorium in St. Louis at the end of the first day's trip. He made 75 miles, 9 laps. John Oddy, an Englishman, was a close second.

The fourteenth game Lasker-Steinitz chess match, begun Monday, concluded this morning at Moscow after eighty moves by Lasker. The present score is Lasker 8, Steinitz 2, drawn 4.

DEATHS.

SULLIVAN—Margaret Sullivan, aged 20 years, died last evening at her home, 89 Jefferson street. Funeral at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

MURPHY—Mrs. Margaret Murphy, aged 28 years, 9 months, wife of John Murphy of North street, died Monday night at the city hospital.

LOCAL NOTES.

There will be no session of the evening schools Friday night.

Members of Post 120, G. A. R., held a whist party last evening.

The members-elect of the city council will meet tomorrow evening to draw lots for seats next year.

Manager P. F. Sullivan of the street railroad and Thomas Costello have returned from their European trip.

The Village Improvement association of Chelmsford met last evening and voted to continue the organization on its present lines.

Miss Crawford Burnham of this city read a paper on "Dante" at the regular meeting of the Women's Educational club yesterday.

Sheriff Cushing yesterday appointed John R. Fairbairn special sheriff of Middlesex county, and he was immediately sworn in.

Miss C. H. Holgate entertained a few of her friends at her home on Moore street, last evening in honor of Miss Blanche A. Dam of Boston.

Last night the dispensary committee met and voted to have a new ambulance built by the Sawyer Carriage company at a cost of about $500.

It is reported that petitions will be presented for a recount of votes cast at the Wards Two and Five caucus for members of the democratic city committee.

Miss Fannie Plunkett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Plunkett, was formally introduced to society last evening and was given a reception at her parent's home on Worthen street.

The post office department has received an inquiry for Frank Cawell, son of John Cawell, and if he is in this city and will ask for Mr. J. A. Richardson, assistant postmaster, he will receive news of value to him.

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LOST—In this city, a coupon receipt book belonging to the Singer Mfg. Co. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at 137 Middlesex street.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name of owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good men to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address. Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

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FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 8 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a home and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athan Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

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ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop. Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

MOODY STREET BRIDGE HOUSE LOTS.

New Bridge will be completed in a few days. The electric road is being laid across the bridge. Sewers, gas, city water, etc. 76 houses have been built in the last 8 months, and a large number are being built at the present time. Don't delay, choice lots are going quick, prices are low, only 10, 12 and 15c. per foot, easy monthly payments. Call for plans, terms etc. On the land every afternoon.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:14; sets, 4:22.
Length of day—9:08.
Moon rises—4:40 a. m.
Full sea—8:15 a. m.; 9 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy weather, probably showers in northern portions; winds shifting to northwesterly, with increasing force, probably high on the coast; colder this evening.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance. Donovan bl'd.

Watch-night seances will be held in several of the churches tonight.

Brother Henry's a dream and Garvey's a queen in Saturday's great cartoon.

Out in Graniteville, there is an epidemic of measles, 20 cases having been reported already.

Fifty dress suits to let for parties and balls. Telephone 255. Cavanaugh and Dissault.

The overseers of the poor are holding their regular meeting at the city farm this afternoon.

Walter W. Johnson of the Merchants' bank is being congratulated on the birth of a daugher.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullo, the 1018 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

The Y.M.C.I. will elect officers tonight and there will be a live contest for president between Henry Boulger and Thomas Tobin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Burtt held their first "at home" reception last evening at 142 Third street. About three hundred of their friends called and extended greetings.

The Lowell Orchestral society will give one of their excellent concerts Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Odd Fellow's hall. Every body should attend. Admission 25 cents.

The second Fraternity assembly was held in Associate hall last evening. The matrons were Mrs. E. S. Hylan, Mrs. C. I. Bowers, Mrs. E. M. Tucke and Mrs. J. W. Bennett. Mr. Edward Hylan, floor manager, had the assistance of Mr. William A. Lamson, Mr. Walter Coburn, Mr. Frank F. Lamson and Mr. Walter Young.

Insolvent.

Moir Bros., dry goods dealers, who have been in business in Lowell five years, have gone into insolvency. A meeting of the creditors will be held January 14.

The Middlesex Company.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Manufacturing company was held yesterday in Boston.

The following named gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: M. R. Wendell, Charles P. Curtis, Augustus Lowell, Robert H. Gardiner, Arthur T. Lyman and George S. Silsbee. O. H. Perry was chosen treasurer and A. C. Tenney, clerk.

Rapid Transit.

A gentleman called at the Traders National bank yesterday and said he wished to pay a party in London eight hundred pounds immediately. He deposited the value of 800 pounds sterling in American money amounting to $3900, paid one dollar, the cost of a cablegram and without any additional cost and in one hour the money was paid in London, this showing the value of the foreign system recently inaugurated by the Traders bank.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

The oldest member of the Mathews listened to Joseph Smith's talk to that body, Tuesday evening. He is Patrick Ryan, the well known foundry man, who joined the institute when it was organized.

The annual ball of the Y.M.C.I. will be quite an affair this year, surpassing previous occasions and that is why three young men are making a lively canvas of the ball committee for door director.

Mrs. Tally of Dummer street bought a duck for Chistmas and in it, she found the following letter:

Louisville, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1896.

Two the one that gets my dear little duck:

I am a little girl nine years old. I live on the bank of the St. Law. I have to brothers and one sister. I would like to know who gets my duck; my brothers and I go to school every day. My little sister is ten months old and a great little pet, her name is Emily Esther. I am afraid old Santa Claus does not know we have a little sister; does he live in the city? If he does tell him for me, to send her a nice little doll. If you have a little girl tell her to answer my letter and let me know who ate my duck. I will close wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. From,

MISS EDITH WHALEN,
Louisville Landing, N. Y.

Little Miss Whalen will imagine Santa Claus partook of her duck, for Mrs. Tully sent her a stylishly dressed doll for the little baby.

PURCHASING AGENT

Is Having Offices Fitted Up in City Hall Basement.

The purchasing agent will have quarters in the basement of city hall.

Yesterday afternoon the truant commissioners were moved bag and baggage up into the vacant office next to Supt. Whitcomb's quarters.

The old quarters of the truant commissioners will be given to the purchasing agent and he will also get the office adjoining it, now used as a private consulting room by Supt. Varnum.

Notice of Dissolution of Co-partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Hugh J. McGuirk and John J. Conlon under the firm name and style of Mack and Conlon, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Said John J. Conlon is authorized to settle the affairs of the firm and will continue the business heretofore conducted by said firm at 7 City Hall avenue.

HUGH J. McGUIRK.
JOHN J. CONLON.

Lowell, Dec. 30, 1896.

The Handsomest Yet.

The most beautiful calendar for 1897 comes from Boston. It is eleven by fifteen inches and contains reproductions from cabinet size photographs of Mary Hampton, May Irwin and Maud Adams, the popular actresses. Its prominent colors are enamel blue and brown enriched by gold, elaborately embossed, producing an elegant and artistic creation. One of these calendars will be sent to any address if you mention this paper, and send ten cents in coin or stamps covering cost of packing and postage to the publishers. The X-Zalia Company, 3 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

Calendars Given Away.

Our 1897 Calender is ready for distribution. Call at our store and get one. Dickson Bros., the tea and coffee pot supply dealers, 96 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERR. ST.

MID-WINTER FETE

Under Auspices of Young Men's Society

OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

Account of the Tables and the Attendants.

Pretty girls from Centralville and elsewhere, a brilliantly lighted hall, beautifully bedecked, inviting music and general enjoyment characterized the first night's entertainment at the mid-winter carnival conducted by the Y.M.C.L.I., a popular organization of young men connected with St. Michael's church.

The carnival was given in aid of the society and it was an unqualified success, socially and financially.

From eight to nine o'clock a delightful concert program was rendered by Atwood's orchestra, which discoursed many late and popular airs. During the concert the galleries and floor were crowded, pleasant promenades being enjoyed. At the conclusion of the concert program the dance order of 21 numbers was taken up with the usual extras.

At all times the floor was comfortably crowded with dancers.

At tonight's entertainment the festivities will take the form of a leap year party with Miss Mary C. Joyce as floor director, and Miss Katie Reilly as assistant.

The many gorgeous booths, decorated in striking colors, harmoniously blended, were liberally patronized, while the dear girl with the "chance" book did a thriving business.

The booths were in charge of the following ladies:

Refreshment table—Edward McKinley, chairman; assistants, Clarence Cunningham, John McCarthy, matron, Miss Alice Mackin; assistants, Miss Dolly McDermott, and Katie Mackin; aids, Nellie Maloney, Etta Manchester, Mary Fox, Helen Joyce, Sadie Golden. Katie Ryan, Mary Flanders, Clara Meehan, Bessie O'Neil, Kate Navin, Mary Etta Lee, Bridget Shields, Katie Finnerty, Hannah Donahue, Helen Donahue, Sadie Murphy, Maggie Hubin, Minnie Gilespie, Gertie Gillespie, Mera McClorey, Mary Hubin, Katie Roane, Mary Riley, Bridie Torpey, Mary Cammera, Mary Sweeney, Annie Murphy, Theresa Murphy, Alice Kennedy, Rose Tucker.

St. Joseph's table, pink, green and white—Matron, Miss Mamie Gerow; 1st assistant, Mary Rogers; 2d assistant, Mamie Garity; secretary, Agnes Burns; Alice Hennessey, Katie Burrett, Mamie Conley, Mamie Kerrigan, Martha Rogers, Rose Miller, Katie Hennessey and Mamie Hoilace.

Candy carnival table—John Mylett, chairman; assistant, John Costello; matron, Grace Mylett; Marguerite Mylett, Josephine O'Brien, Georgina Boisvert, Mary Healey, Rose Ward, Maggie Cavitt, Lizzie Cavitt, Sadie Gilbride, Odele Boulanger, Georgiana Guimond, Oselda Boisvert, Rose Maguire, Kate Cavanaugh, Julia Mylett, May Mylett, Katie Mylett, Maggie Donahue, Minnie Donahue, Miss Deno, Miss Mongran, Etta Roucke, May Bakewell, Miss Sheehan, Miss Slattery, Miss Curry, Maria McAndrew.

Immaculate Conception — Chairman, Thomas McGinn; matron, Miss Marion Grady; assts., Katie McGinn, Miss Boyle, Miss Maguire, Miss Hennessey, Annie McGinn, Mamie McGinn, Nellie Sweeney, Miss Dolan, Miss Prevost, Miss Smith, J. McDonald, E. Murphy.

St. Patrick's table, nile, green and white—Chairman, Richard McCluskey; M. Healey; matron, Miss Emma Farrell; aids, Mamie Dacey, Agnes Reading, Annie Walsh, Hattie Murdock, Annie Delmore, Julia Smith, Bella Donahue, Helen Daley, Annie Quinn, Mamie Welch, Josie Hoar, Mamie Fitzgerald, Ella Reading, Mamie Turner, Katie Hallasey, Margie McCaffrey, Mary Callahan.

St. Michael's table—Chairman, Thomas Heath; matron, Miss Mary Riley; treasurer, Miss Mamie Joyce; assistant, Mamie McQuade, Susie Donahue, Sadie Golden, Alice Pucell, Mary Fox, Grace Donahue, Annie Inglesby, Mary Ryan, Etta Reynolds, Minnie Jones, Jennie Joyce, Gertrude Mason, Ella Bunker, Maggie Walsh, Julia Donovan, Lizzie Lee, Etta Kelley, May Brooks, Kate Walsh, Ellie Joyce, Rose McAleer, Mary Cahill, Maggie McAuney, Annie Quinn, Nellie Tully, Minnie Healey, Katie Conway, Gertie Shaw, Annie Macken, Ella McKeown, Agnes Callahan, Mary E. McGrath, Mary Taylor, Julia Moore, Mamie Ginty, Mary E. O'Malley, Nellie Moran, Annie Kearns, Mamie Mahoney, M. A. McDermott, Miss Doran, Nellie Thompson, Mary Grant, Etta McDermott, Maggie Conaton, L. McAleer, M. McCluskey, Frances Barie, Annie Howard, Jennie Pucell, Ella Eagan, Annie McKeown, Annie Burke, Sadie Tully, Rose Murray, Delia Kelliher, Mary Ford, Kittie Collins, M. Dallagher, Katie Riley, Mamie Gilson, Katie Lennon, Mary Shields, Nellie Monahan.

The officers in charge of the affair were: General Manager, Stephen Duffy; assistant general manager, John Mylett; floor director, R. J. McCluskey; assistant floor director, W. H. Donahue; chief aid, F. T. Morrissey.

Nolan and Sparks, happy as larks, in Saturday's great cartoon.

Officers Elected.

The French Congregational church met last night and elected as follows: deacons for one year were Mr. David Pauliott, Mr. Emil Paignon, Sr., and M. A. Sarre, clerk, M. A. Sarre, re-elected treasurer, Mr. Andre Binette, re-elected standing committee, Pastor Cote, Mr. Emile Paignon Jr., Mr. J. B. Sarre, Mr. A. Binette, A. Sarre, Mr. Leborgne and Plouffe; deaconess, Mrs. A. Pauliott and Mrs. Garnier.

The Worthen street M. E. Sunday school elected the following officers last night: adult superintendent, Wm. M. Dickey; assistant, William H. Dorr, juvenile superintendent, Samuel Worth; assistant, R. H. Weir; primary superintendent, Mrs. Green; secretary, Mrs. A. S. Hamilton; treasurer, W. H. Hoyt; librarian, Carrie M. Fowler; assistant, Mrs. George L. Fowler; pianist, R. H. Weir; collector and agent, C. W. Haworth.

Semi-Centennial.

The Ladies' Social circle of the South Chelmsford Baptist church observed its 50th anniversary yesterday afternoon. Several members of the circle delivered brief addresses.

Mrs. Hannah Byam, the oldest living officer of the circle, was present, and offered words of cheer.

The old lady Mail, looking quite stale, in Saturday's great cartoon.

Pousse Pâté...

And why not a pie-pusher as well as a coffee-pusher? It's far more necessary. Do you suffer with dyspepsia? Ayer's Cathartic Pills will cure you. Take a

PILL AFTER PIE.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Thomas Gorman, a fireman, was instantly killed by being thrown off a truck on his way to a fire at Manchester, N. H.

An explosion of dynamite took place yesterday on board the British ship Delta, in Plymouth harbor. The vessel went down. Two sailors were drowned.

Clinton Barnum Seely, a grandson of the late P. T. Barnum, was married at Trinity chapel, New York, to Miss Florence Tuttle, daughter of the late Austin E. Tuttle.

Part of the farm buildings on the old Governor Foster place at Bedford, N. H., three miles from Manchester, burned. The blaze is supposed to be of an incendiary origin.

A movement is on foot among gentlemen prominent in rowing circles at Toronto to have Jake Gaudaur and Eddie Durnan make a tour of Auckland and possibly Australia next year.

The committee of Livingston county, (N. Y.) supervisors, appointed to examine the accounts of James B. Hampton, the defaulting county treasurer, report that he appropriated to his own use $18,108.

An elaborate wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Chester Davison of Hartford, on the occasion of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Suvia, and Professor Lewis Bayles Paton of Hartford Theological seminary.

Silas Huntingdon Carpenter, chief of the Canadian secret service and Canadian agent for the Pinkertons, has been appointed chief detective of the city of Montreal. Mr. Carpenter is well known throughout the United States in police circles.

An entire family named Litchtenberg were overcome by gas in their home in New York Tuesday night and were not found until late yesterday. John Litchtenberg and his wife, Lizzie, were resuscitated, but their two children, William, aged 22 months, and Jacob, 12 weeks old, were dead.

At a meeting of the Republican state executive committee of Tennessee and Republican leaders it was decided to contest the election of Robert L. Taylor (Dem.), a resolution to that effect being unanimously adopted. G. N. Tillman, Republican candidate for governor, claims the election by a fair majority.

The American Economic association at Baltimore yesterday took up the subject of investments. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles S. Fairchild led the discussion. The questions propounded were, "What is the present direction of acquisitive investments? What are the economical effects of such investments?" Dr. E. R. L. Gould of Baltimore presided.

ARRIVED AT LAWRENCE.

The Papal Delegate Received Last Night by the Local Clergymen.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 31.—Mgr. Martinelli, the papal ablegate to this country, accompanied by Rev. Father James F. O'Rielly, O. S. A., Rev. Father J. M. Fleming and Rev. Father Driscoll of this city and Rev. Father Sparetti of his suite arrived in this city on the 5:56 train from Boston. The hour of the expected arrival of his holiness had been kept a secret and so only a few persons were at the depot to welcome him. Carriages were immediately taken for the parochial residence of St. Mary's church, where Mgr. Martinelli immediately retired, denying himself to all callers, pleading fatigue and a desire to prepare for his further stay in this city. A pleasing incident of his arrival was the ringing of the chimes of St. Mary's as the party passed the church and while entering the residence. Mgr. Martinelli and party are now in Boston.

Dangerous Bars in Chatham Harbor.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Captain George Eldridge of Chatham has written The Journal that in his mind there is no doubt that if the whistling buoy off Chatham New Harbor bars had been in position Dec. 23 the Calvin B. Orcutt would not have been wrecked and the crew lost. Since the bars were formed by the great storm of 1857 no less than 265 vessels have gone ashore on these treacherous sands, and nearly 100 have been total losses. During the great northeast gale of Dec. 16 this buoy drifted nearly a mile to the southeastward, and late Tuesday had not been replaced.

Another Cut at Lynn.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 31.—A cutdown of 10 per cent was made yesterday in the Baker & Clayton shoe factory. Mr. Baker of the firm was the Republican candidate for mayor at the last election, and was defeated.

Wants Reduction of Taxes.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 31.—The Norfolk county commissioners met at the court house yesterday afternoon to consider the petition of Barnabas D. Capen of Sharon for an abatement of his taxes from $76,000 to $46,000. The hearing will be concluded tomorrow.

An Actor's Bequests.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The will of the late Wyzeman Marshall, the actor, was filed in the Suffolk probate office yesterday. He gives his property to relatives and friends. He gives the income of a trust fund of $15,000 to Miss Lucette Webster for her life.

Early Morning Fire at Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 31.—A general fire alarm was turned in at 3:30 this morning from Front and Main streets. It was confined to the block in which it started. Loss will amount to $100,000.

Easy to Take Easy to Operate

Are features peculiar to Hood's Pills. Small in size, tasteless, efficient, thorough. As one man said: "You never know you have taken a pill till it is all over." 25c. C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

HARVARD INVINCIBLE.

Two More Victories In the Chess Tournament Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 31.—Punctually at 2:30 yesterday afternoon the students began to play in the third round of the intercollegiate chess tournament. There was again a large number of local chess experts present. The men paired follows:

Parker (C) vs. Seymour (P), Lehlbach (Y) vs. Ryder (H), Price (C) Murdoch (Y), Young (P) vs. Southard (H).

Harvard by winning both her games increased her lead greatly. Play, however, was not of so good a quality as on the preceding days. In the play yesterday Ryder's treatment of a center counter gambit against Lehlback was very fine indeed, inasmuch as he gained a pawn by sheer hard work and another in the end game stage. All Lehlbach did was to keep his position intact, but he could not avoid losing ground by degrees and the game after 41 moves.

Price opened his game against Murdoch with a Ruy Lopez, which the latter defended with 3-k-k b-3. Owing to several errors committed by Price the Yale man won first a pawn, next a knight and finally a rook for a knight. This overpowering advantage ought to have secured Murdoch the victory, but his bad subsequent play, by which Price won back a piece, spoiled his previous efforts. Later on, however, Price blundered and lost the game after 42 moves.

Southard seemed well prepared for a Scotch gambit, offered by Young, for after White's fifth move the Harvard man proceeded with an almost irresistable attack. Young's attempt to defend the onslaught proved a complete failure, and after he had made 13 moves only, Southard announced a mate in three moves.

On the first board Seymour and Parker discussed a Dutch opening, which ran evenly from beginning up toward the end of the game, and although both tried hard to get an advantage it was decidedly close throughout. After 43 moves the game was left unfinished, but Referee Delmar adjudicated in favor of Seymour.

Following is the record of the tournament: Columbia—Won 1, lost 5; Harvard—Won 6, lost 0; Yale—Won 3, lost 3; Princeton—Won 2, lost 4.

The pairing for the fourth round, to be played today, is as follows: Southard vs. Parker, Ryder vs. Price, Young vs. Lehlbach, Seymour vs. Murdoch.

"Ringer" Eckhardt.

Baltimore, Dec. 31.—Chief Consul Conway W. Sams of the Maryland division, L. A. W., will lay before Chairman Gideon of the national racing board of the League of American Wheelmen facts going to show that Walter L. Eckhardt, the well-known racing man, entered under an assumed name in bike races at Cumberland on Thanksgiving day, and won a race from the local champion. If the charges are proved it will mean that Mr. Eckhardt will be suspended from the race track for life.

Postoffice Changes.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Forty-eight fourth class postoffices will be raised to the presidential class on Jan. 1. Besides these new presidential offices, 45 commissions of postmasters at presidential offices willl expire during January. The most important of these are at St. Joseph, Mo., and Abilene, Tex. The fourth class offices in New England ordered advanced on the first of the year include Hamden, Conn., and South Ashburnham, Mass.

REPLY TO PRESIDENT LITTLE.

Supreme Council of Street Car Employes Admit Strike Was a Mistake.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The supreme council of the Conductors and Motormen's union of the West End street railway has sent a communication to the executive committee of the road in reply to the statement of President Little, which was issued yesterday. The council admits that mistakes were made, and that it could not control the members of the union, but it claims that the action of the men was due to the delay of President Little in announcing his inability to sign the agreement without the assent of the directors.

This delay prevented the council from communicating with the men in time to avert the strike. The unreasonable delay and the scornful treatment was the sole cause of the strike. The members of the council did all in their power to carry out the agreement made with President Little and prevent the men from striking, and they claim that throughout they played the part of gentlemen, resenting the insinuations made by President Little in his statement. No reply is made to President Little's claim that while promising to suspend action until Dec. 30 they nevertheless ordered a strike on the morning of Dec. 24, and kept men off the cars.

AGAINST HIS FATHER.

A Son Gives Damaging Testimony in Court.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 31.—Quite a sensation was created in the superior court yesterday when Louis H. Porter, a son of the plaintiff in the now famous Porter-Ritch case, took the stand to testify against his father. The witness told of his travels in company with his brother Blatchley in Colorado, a year ago, when the latter was killed by lightning and he himself quite badly burned. Witness said that his father showed no feeling in the matter, and asserted that the physician who was in attendance on him (the witness) was engaged in a malignant plot to kill him. Witness said he was convinced from his father's actions that the latter was not in his right mind. Counsel for the plaintiff fought hard to have the son's testimony excluded, but Judge Prentice ruled that it was admissible.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE

Passed Away at Montreal Last Night.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Mgr. Edouardo Charles Fabre, archbishop of Montreal, died last evening, surrounded by his household and the priests of the city, by whom he was greatly beloved. The deceased was born in Montreal in February, 1827, and was educated at the Seminary of Issy, in France. His mother was only 16 years his senior, and was constantly at his bedside during his last sickness.

Brokers Expelled.

New York, Dec. 31.—The governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange, after a lengthy session yesterday, ended the suspense in connection with the celebrated case of the exchange against E. B. Cuthbert & Co., prominent brokers, through William Euclid Young, the board member of the firm. The governing committee finds Mr. Young guilty of fraud on all of the specifications in the charges brought against him. The decision carries with it the penalty of expulsion from membership in the exchange.

"Em'ly, don't yer look around; we're bein' follered, an I know it's Algernon. I'd reckernise his footsteps among a thousand."

GLOUCESTER GHOST STORY

MAKES SOME TROUBLE AND MUCH TALK.

An Apparition Seen in the Armory and Several Committees Fail to Catch It.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 31.—For the past two days persons living in the vicinity of the police court building on Rogers street have been considerably startled by the sight of a moving form in the third story of the building used by G company of the Eighth regiment for an armory. As the armory has been locked since the last drill, and it was known that no one was in the room, the ghost story spread about the city, and last night, about 6:30, when the figure was seen again, a crowd of nearly 50 people gathered in the street. The apparition appeared to move back and forth near the three windows which overlook the street. The armorer, with a number of citizens, rushed up stairs into the room, and opening the door a rush of air met them. Not the slightest trace of anything which might have caused the shadowy form was found in the room, and the self-appointed committee was considerably astonished. The door was again locked and the committee retraced their steps, but at 9:50 the form was again seen at the window. Again a dozen men, headed by the armorer, rushed up to the room, yet nothing was found. Superstitious persons in this city believe that the spectre is the ghost of Thomas Rogers, formerly a member of G company, and who was lost in the capsizing of the schooner J. W. Campbell off Block island last spring.

Good News For Bath.

Bath, Me., Dec. 31.—The Bath Iron works received word yesterday that the lighthouse board had awarded two lightships and a lighthouse tender to the company. The construction of these vessels will keep the works running on full time all winter.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Proposed Changes in Rules Governing Intercollegiate Games.

New York, Dec. 31.—At the meeting of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America, which will be held in this city Jan. 6, a number of important changes in the constitution and bylaws of the organization will be discussed and probably adopted. The amendments have been prepared by G. T. Kirby, E. M. Kendrick and Gilman Callamore. The following are among the proposed changes:

That violation of the rules of the I. C. A. A. A. A. be punished by expulsion instead of suspension.

That every associate college must furnish ample evidence that one athletic meeting has been held during the year under the rule of the association, or be subject to a fine and disqualification.

That bicycle racing come under the jurisdiction of the association.

That the management of the association shall be entrusted to the executive committee, all undergraduates.

That a competitor whose regular standing at the college is questioned must furnish a certificate endorsed by two members of the faculty and by the dean of his department as well.

The executive committee will also suggest that an additional vice president be elected, and that a college graduate be selected to take entire charge of the games.

This rule, touching on the officials for the games, has been added:

Article 19—The referee, who shall be a non-college man, shall be selected by the executive committee not later than April 1, and shall make nominations of at least two candidates for each office in managing the games; and from such nominations the executive committee shall, before May 1, choose the officials for the games.

The committee suggests further that all entries shall be made three weeks before the day set for the games. This is one week earlier than at present required.

Meeting of Horse Breeders.

Boston, Dec. 31.—A meeting of the New England Trotting Horse Breeders' association was held at the American House yesterday afternoon. The meeting authorized a mortgage of $55,000 on the property of the association at Readville.

Lynn Factory Reduces Wages.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 31.—A cutdown of 10 per cent was made yesterday in the Baker & Clayton shoe factory. Mr. Baker of the firm was the Republican candidate for mayor at the last election, and was defeated.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Four drunks.

Patrick Sullivan received four months in jail.

The case of Evangel Lucca, the Greek, who it is alleged assaulted the liquor inspectors while in the performance of their duty, was tried this morning, J. J. Hennessy appearing for the defendants. Lucca was fined $2.

Varnum and Bray, have things their own way, in Saturday's comic cartoon.

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The Jubilee Singers.

The Fiske Jubilee singers gave a pleasant concert at the Kirk street church auditorium last evening. Miss Agnes Haynes sang several selections, and Mrs. Geo. W. Moore delivered two brief addresses. Previous to the concert Mrs. Charles Sturtevant gave a delightful organ recital.

Evidence Against Bram All In.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The trial of Mate Thomas Bram on a charge of murder was closed yesterday so far as evidence is concerned, and shortly before adjournment Lawyer Cotter, for the defence, began his argument. The sensation of the day was the exclusion of expert testimony relating to the lashing of the wheel of the Fuller. The government endeavored to introduce it to show that the vessel would not hold her course if the wheel was lashed, in rebuttal to testimony offered on Monday, but the court, after a long wrangle, decided in favor of the defense and excluded the testimony. This was a decided victory for the defense, as it leaves the testimony of the other sea captains, who claimed that the wheel could be lashed, undisputed, the idea being that Brown, who was at the wheel, lashed it in order to commit the murders. The case will probably be given to the jury tonight.

Prosperous Season For Hunters.

Farmington, Me., Dec. 31.—With today the hunting season for 1896 in the Maine woods comes to a lawful end. It has been one of the most satisfactory hunting seasons for sportsmen for many years. Woodcock, deer, caribou, moose and bear have been plenty, and northern Franklin county hunters have been especially fortunate in bringing down game. The guides maintain that more game has been killed this year than ever before, and they assert that caribou will disappear unless a more stringent protective law is made. The guides vary in their estimate of the total amount of game killed during the season, One guide estimates that there were 10,000 deer killed during the season. A prominent guide places the number of deer in the woods at the present time at 15,000; moose, 12,000, and caribou 10,000. It is thought 30,000 hunters tried their skill in the woods this season.

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THE INAUGURAL.

Mayor Courtney Is Engaged With His Message to the Council.

Every night this week a light has shone brightly in one of the rooms on the second floor of city hall.

The raised curtains only half covered the windows, and above the wide sill could be seen a man sitting at his desk, and busily engaged with something. It was Mayor Courtney, seated in his large office and burning the evening light while he committed to paper the inaugural which will sound the key-note of next year's administration.

He has called on the head of every department to assist him in collecting data, and now with it all before him he spends his time going through the documents and figures and jotting down the interesting items.

This work he must do at night, for all day long he is besieged with callers, whom he cannot dismiss with a single word.

"It takes time to get the material for an inaugural address," said the mayor, "but once you get it the writing is easy enough."

Whist Party.

The Nonpareil whist club assembled last night at the residence of Miss Margaret Harrington, 181 Mt. Vernon street. There were five tables and play continued from 8 to 10 o'clock, after which refreshments were served. The Nonpareil quartette rendered several songs and Miss Nellie Coleman presided at the piano. The prize whist players were Thomas J. Kennedy and Miss Annie Doherty.

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BOWLING NEWS.

The Donohoe brothers defeated the crack Les Miserables team last evening, 2413 to 2384.

The Bankers won from the Home club on Les Miserables alleys, 2467 to 2379.

The Merrimacks lost to Swift and Bailey's team, 2326 to 2281.

The Firemen took another game from the Olympics, 2476 to 2218.

At the Highland club, Team Four won from Team Thirteen, 2150 to 2110.

Odd Fellows.

Mechanics lodge of Odd Fellows elected officers for the ensuing term last night as follows:

N. G., G. N. P. Berry; V. G., Arthur H. Slater; secretary, F. B. Wright; permanent secretary, Fred Samuels; treasurer, Frank Gray; trustee for three years, Waldo Sargent; marshal, E. S. Bickford.

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